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'Ceri loved life and was always smiling' Moving tribute paid to Barry man who died in collision on Docks Link Road

THE FAMILY of a 20-year-old Barry man, who had just moved into a new home with his girlfriend and nine-month-old baby, have paid a moving tribute to him, after he was killed in a collision on the Docks Link Road.

Ceri John Godwin was described by his family as "someone who lived life to the full... and was always smiling".

The accident happened at 5.30pm on Monday at the junction with Coldbrook Road East. It involved an orange-coloured BMW and a black-coloured Renault Clio.

Four other people sustained minor injuries in the collision.

Ceri had recently moved into a new home in Barry with his girlfriend Kelly Allan and their baby daughter, Lacey Godwin.

Mr Godwin's family released the following tribute to him:

'Ceri loved life to the full and he will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends, who are absolutely devastated at this tragic news, and are heart-broken that he is no longer with us.'

'He was always smiling and we will cherish all the great times he gave us.'

'Ceri enjoyed nothing better than taking Lacey for a walk, along with his pet dog.'

'He had a great love of animals and was a keen footballer, having played for the Barry Boys youth team.'

Ceri attended Holton Road Primary School and Barry Boys Comprehensive School.

This week the local Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, appealed to the Vale Council to take action over what she described as an 'accident black spot'.

She told The GEM: "After this tragic accident on the Barry Docks Link Road, I am calling for urgent action from the Vale Council to implement immediate and necessary restrictions in my constituency, and to report on the best highways solutions for this



Ceri Godwin relaxing with his girlfriend Kelly Allan.

accident black spot."

In March 2009, after two fatalities on the road local councillors Anne Moore, Fred Johnson and Neil Moore requested a report to look for further ways to improve road safety.

The report was brought to the attention of the economy and environment scrutiny meeting on September 29, a day after the latest collision.

Coun Anne Moore said: "Extra safety measures clearly need to be made to this road after yet another fatality."

"My condolences go out to the family and friends of those who have been casualties after incidents on this road."

"Something really does need to be done to try to prevent more deaths and injuries."

"At the scrutiny meeting, a highways officer presented his report along with photographic evidence of 123 illegal manoeuvres which were taken by a surveillance camera over approximately a three-week period. The evidence before us was frightening as this clearly showed many incidents of people doing U-turns on this very fast stretch of road."

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Grant of £49,000 gives Motion Control great vibes for three years!

by TIM CHAPMAN

ens their horizons.

"Seeing the faces of the disabled youngsters who enjoy the 'Local Motion' sessions makes it so worthwhile.

"The funding will help to sustain projects for the next three years and without it, they would have stopped.

"This means that the young people can continue to enjoy dance and perform at showcases."

The weekly disability dance sessions - Local Motion - were set up using a Community Chest Grant in July 2008 and they have been a huge success, with 12 members performing regularly in front of large audiences.

Many of the youngsters who get involved are disadvantaged or disaffected, and suddenly experience something that boosts their self-esteem.

Emma has taken Vale youngsters as far afield as Blackpool and Reading to give them a taste of performing.

She added: "Motion Control dance programme aims to break down the boundaries in the Vale by demonstrating that everyone can dance and enjoy the experience."

David Ramsden, the chief executive of BBC Children in Need, told

The GEM: "Our grants are made possible by the amazing generosity of the public.

"They make it possible for us to help such great projects as Motion Control continue to help change young lives for the better."

In 2008, Children in Need raised a total of £20,991,216.

Since November, the BBC charity has received thousands of applications for funding. These are rigorously assessed and considered in the months leading up to April by eight committees, who pass on their recommendations to the trustees of the charity.

Vibe's main areas of activities include urban dance, which Emma helps to co-ordinate, but also music workshops, film making and creative



ABOVE:
Emma Mallam,
Vibe Experience
co-ordinator.

multi-media projects for young people.

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Safe play is impossible

IVISITED the new park in Llantwit Major today with my daughter – what a shame!

Firstly, one of the swings is already broken and the chains tied up – just weeks since it was installed.

There is rubbish scattered everywhere, not helped by there being just one bin, situated at the furthest point and that was over-spilling.

However, possibly the biggest problem is the lack of fencing and dogs are able to approach children and foul wherever they like. Every other playground in the area is fenced off. I appreciate the restrictions of the rugby ground adjacent; however, without a fence, safe play is impossible.

Claire Charlton, Llantwit Major

ART CLASS CANCELLED

LAST year, I enrolled in an evening class at Barry Boys School for the painting and drawing class.

This year I enrolled again – same format £96 to be paid in advance for 20 weeks of lessons. On arriving at Barry Boys School with art equipment, I was very disappointed to be told it had been postponed. The following evening I was told by telephone that it had been cancelled completely, which was a real blow. My alternative would be to go to Penarth!

I feel that for a town the size of Barry, the fact that it cannot offer one evening class in art is very poor. I am sure I am not the only disappointed person who enrolled and is now being given a refund. I wanted an art class!

If anyone knows of any art classes in Barry (must be evenings as I work full time) please let The GEM know!

Alison Kelland, Rhoose

Sorting out waste disposal

IREAD with interest Tim Chapman's report in The GEM on September 9: as a committed environmentalist, I have been concerned about climate change and the fouling of our environment for a number of years.

Recently, a news item reported that a large British company had dumped dangerous toxic waste in residential areas of the Ivory Coast – we are quite happy for our domestic waste to be dumped in someone else's area.

The time is fast approaching when residents of all towns and cities, whether they like it or not, will be forced to solve their own waste problem in their area.

Before these decisions are forced on us by central government, councils such as the Vale, will be forced to face the fact that we can't go on taking our waste and dumping it on someone else.

When I was a boy, rubbish was burnt at a site on Barry road. I don't remember complaints about fumes.

Why can't we have a sensible debate about waste disposal – which is *our* problem, not our neighbours?

Kerry RJ Green, Barry

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Wartime exhibition put 'hardship' into perspective

IVISITED the World War Two exhibition at Barry Library and found the experience very humbling.

Reading the accounts of the sacrifices and experiences endured by a previous generation of townsfolk certainly put into perspective, 'the hardships' of modern day life.

Clearly, this exhibition was only possible as a result of the commitment and expertise of those organising and helping and must have required a great deal of effort to bring to fruition.

I took my son to the Waterfront, where he entered the fishing competition, organised by the Sea View Lads Anglers. He was given advice and assistance by the older hands (even the loan of a reel when he broke his own).

Drinks and sweets were also given out to the youngsters on a lovely hot sunny afternoon. There were scorecards provided for weighing in the fish caught.

After the competition closed, there was a prize-giving at the social club in Merthyr Street. There was a really friendly, community atmosphere with numerous prizes, not only prizes for the winners, but also those who hadn't managed to land a fish (this time).

To make this such a successful event must have taken a great deal of organisation, fundraising and commitment, all for the purpose of giving the

Nothing to sing about in Barry?

IHAVE been asked to write a song extolling the virtues of my town of Barry which, with some inspiration and a good deal of hard work, I would try to accomplish.

But how can I even begin, when all around I see neglect of road and pavement surfacing, a dearth of zebra crossings, lack of bus shelters at important and much-used bus stops.

We have a couple of unique features in this town – Bird Cage Walk and the old Watch Tower with its one-time slipway. Both have been allowed to fall into disrepair – and, incidentally, the taxpaying public, given the reasons for the closure of Bird Cage Walk.

Perhaps councillors could look out of their car windows as they pass Barry station and see the mess of grass and weeds pushing through the paving on the Walk. What a welcoming sight for visitors stepping off the train at Barry station!

I love my town and feel sad to see such deterioration.

Mrs PI Weaving, Barry

Why no rail connection?

ONCE again last weekend, trains between Rhoose and Bridgend were non-existent on the Vale of Glamorgan line because of railworks.

This has happened on numerous weekends this year and it seems Arriva Trains, or whoever arranges the bus connections, cannot get it right.

My daughter arrived at 7.16am on Saturday at Rhoose station, but had to wait until 8.20am for the bus connection to Llantwit.

Surely someone could see that an hour wait is unacceptable? Why was there not a connection available?

Malcolm Reid, Llantwit Major

youngsters an opportunity to participate in an outdoor pursuit.

WJD Rees, Barry

'THANK YOU FOR THE KEYS'

IRECENTLY lost a large set of keys and would like to thank everyone concerned who enabled me to get them back.

Firstly, the kind person who found them at the Waterfront and handed them into the Argos store.

Secondly, the Argos employee, who as I had a Tesco's clubcard key fob on them, contacted Tesco's; and thirdly, Sheila Westlake of Tesco's, who traced me as the owner of the keys through my clubcard and sent me a letter saying I could pick my keys up at Argos.

Judith Davies, Barry

Questions of selection

COUNCILLORS Curtis and Bertin are right to be concerned that a women-only selection process unfairly discriminates against men.

They are also right to want more women to become involved in the political process.

However, they both appear to have forgotten that during the last county council selection process, sitting councillors were excluded from the locally-agreed gender balance policy.

Surprisingly, they did not speak up when it was only male non-councillors that experienced the discrimination.

Perhaps at the next council elections it would be better and fairer for sitting councillors (who have served more than two terms) to stand down and allow new and fresher candidates to take their places.

As there are more men than women sitting councillors, the majority of the more secure seats could be available for women only. This way, the discrimination and sacrifice could be shared by many more party members.

Coun Keith Lewis, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 8)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur	05.47	13.0	18.06	13.4
02 Fri	06.22	13.6	18.38	13.9
03 Sat	07.02	13.9	19.21	14.3
04 Sun	07.36	14.2	19.54	14.5
05 Mon	08.11	14.5	20.31	14.6
06 Tues	08.48	14.5	21.09	14.6
07 Wed	09.25	14.5	21.47	14.3
08 Thur	10.03	14.2	22.25	13.9

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Inroads Drugs Project – 42, Holton Road, Barry, 01446 404040.

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To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

CITIZENS' ADVICE

At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Drop in Mon-Fri (not Weds) 9.30am - 11.30am (Wed 4-6pm); at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road 9.30am - 11.30am Mon and Fri. Telephone advice 0845 120 3756. Further information www.adviceguide.org.uk

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Link Road collision

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Alun Cairns, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for the Vale, said: "I know that the local authority's scrutiny committee is looking at possible changes to the road."

"The data from their study is alarming. I will speak to Assembly colleagues to find out what money is available to finance the changes, when the authority agrees the best way forward."

Miles Punter of the Vale Council said: "Any fatality on the highway network is a tragedy and our thoughts are with the family and friends of those involved at this most difficult time."

"It would be inappropriate to comment on the reasons for the collision and any possible measures to reduce future risk until we are in receipt of the full police report. If it is established from the police investigation that highway factors were a cause, improvement measures will be considered which, depending on the magnitude of

such measures, could involve a request for funding from the Welsh Assembly Government.

"Since 2004, there have been four fatalities on this road and 34 persons injured. In December 2003 a Prohibition of U-Turn Order was made preventing vehicles from turning right when exiting Coldbrook Road. In September 2005 the maximum speed limit was reduced from 60mph to 50mph. From 2005 to 2007 signage and road markings were improved, road surfacing was improved and a merge lane was created."

The issue of safety on the Docks Link Road is important to the people of Barry, Dinas Powys and Sully, and the GEM will return to the subject in detail next week.

Any person with any information on the latest collision is requested to contact the South Wales Roads Policing Unit via their local police station or telephone 01656 869 332; or tel 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Update street lights' says AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt had a special call to make when she met Chief Superintendent Leanne James and Chief Inspector Jay Dave at Barry Police Station.

She stressed the importance of neighbourhood policing, especially in the Gibbonsdown Communities First area, where she serves as a member of the partnership board.

She called for police support in the updating of street lighting in



ABOVE: Jane Hutt with Chief Superintendent Leanne James and Chief Inspector Jay Dave.

Gibbonsdown to make CCTV effective in crime prevention.

The AM also raised her concerns about road safety, especially near schools, citing the recent accident in Colcot Road, when a Barry

Comprehensive School pupil was injured as he walked to school on this busy road.

She also asked for their support in securing a pedestrian crossing and other road safety measures.

Barry police appeal



POLICE in Barry are hoping a local resident may have information on the whereabouts of Frederick Robert Geoffrey Dean (above).

A police spokesman said Mr Dean, aged 35, was wanted in connection with "a serious incident" which took place in Jewel Street, Barry, on Tuesday, July 30.

His last known address was in the Walthamstow area of London.

The spokesman added: "Anybody with information as to his whereabouts, is asked to contact Detective Constable Chris Davies at Barry CID, on 01446 731606; or Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111."

Volunteers mount big beach clean-up

TWELVE volunteers teamed up with Vale Council rangers to help clean up Porthkerry beach, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) Beachwatch Big Weekend. The group removed rubbish from a 600 metre stretch.

A council spokesman stated that the rubbish collected was recorded, so that the main sources of beach litter could be identified. MCS will use the results from hundreds of similar surveys to tackle the sources of the problem at national and international levels.

The most common of 2,670 items collected had been fishing lines, drink cans and bottles, bits of plastic and old bits of clothes. Unusual items included a wheel hub, a metal ladder from bunk beds and eight shoe heels!

The survey data from Porthkerry Beach showed the major source of beach litter as:

• Public litter, e.g. drinks cans and bottles, crisp and sweet packets and fast food packaging



left by careless visitors.

• Fishing litter, especially lines, which are potentially lethal to marine wildlife

The spokesman said: "Results from the MCS Beachwatch Big Weekend have helped influence changes to laws on disposing of waste at sea, and resulted in investment in better sewage treatment at the coast."

He added that MCS is now calling for UK governments to develop an action plan to tackle marine litter.

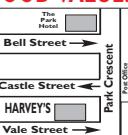
Anyone feeling strongly about the issue, can sign the petition at www.adoptabeach.org.uk.

Alan and Heather Smith and family, who were some of the volunteers helping out at the Beachwatch 2009 event at Porthkerry Country Park.

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Best of Barry winners collect their prizes

WINNERS of 'The Best of Barry' competition gathered in the Barry Mayor's parlour to receive their prizes.

Six entrants gained the maximum score, which entitled them to one of the prizes donated by the Vale Council, Barry Town Council, Merlin Freshwater and Roy's Toys.

The youngest competitor, Danika, was clearly delighted to win the autographed book of Gavin & Stacey; while the five other prizes included a Smith's money voucher, a voucher from Roy's Toys, The Centenary Book of Barry and two separate collections of Barry Millennium Plates.

The 'Best of Barry' photographic exhibition held in the community room at Victoria Park, Cadotton, was organised by Barry Citizens' Action Group.

DILYS COLBOURNE
(Secretary BCAG)



Danika being presented with her prize, an autographed book of Gavin & Stacey, donated by the events officer of the Vale Council. The park warden of Victoria Park, Cadotton is pictured with Danika.



Terry Marsden, chairman of Barry Citizens' Action Group presents Helen Griffiths with a money voucher.



Coun Howard Hamilton presents Graham Brown with a set of Millennium plates. Coun Hamilton is this year's Town Mayor of Barry.

GEM LETTERS EXTRA

Barry needs a cultural centre and museum

A NEW museum spotlights the history of Barry must be built as part of the town's developing masterplan.

What is actually desired and required is a cultural centre, which would house a museum to display the town's historic relics.

Barry is a town that has not only been shaped by history, but has also helped to shape history. This needs to be explored in a museum.

Smaller places have these museums, which are dedicated to their past, and I am certain such an attraction here would not only bring in tourists, but would also be of immense importance to people living here.

While we have these ideas to really develop the town's potential, we must make sure a visitor centre/museum is included. This would be of great benefit for both local people and visitors alike.

It is essential that something similar to this occurs and works for the whole community. The centre would also be a

place for people to attend such things as art sessions and poetry, readings and much more and provide a valuable home for the many local organisations without premises.

Barry is noted, among other things, as being a Merchant Navy town, "the forgotten service".

Almost every home can tell a tale: Barry needs to remember not only her master mariners and sailors and dockers. Remember the Barrians who fought and died, then and now in our armed forces; the families left behind, captains and crews lost outside of wartime, and many others.

Barry was a port, was a Merchant Navy town, was the "Gateway to the World", was a major resort, was a graveyard to steam trains, a home to a proper castle, church, industry and a growing population and much, much more.

Hopefully, many that can still remember, will care not to forget.

Keith Greenway, Barry

Biogenic plant is a health concern

IREFER to your article in The GEM regarding approval of the Biogenic Power plant being given.

that their staff have no knowledge of the areas they are dealing with as they probably live in Cardiff or elsewhere.

Why give permission for a plant which is going to cause a nuisance in the area because of transporting issues and the smell of burning rubbish, which will become apparent when it is in use as it is so close to the built-up conurbation of Barry?

What will be the long term effects to health of the locals and what of the development of the rest of the docks where it is purported that 2,000 homes are to be built, just down the road from this plant?

Chris Turner, Barry

WARTIME LOSSES

IWRITE in response to the letter from Mr David Simpson in The GEM, on September 10.

As he states, the losses at sea of Merchant seamen during World War two totalled one in three.

I would imagine the loss of Barry seamen (pro rata) were sadly, even more.

However, I have an interesting book that records all bombing raids over Europe by Bomber Command (during 1939-1945). For every 100 aircrew volunteers accepted 51 were killed on raids and nine killed in crashes over the UK, mostly due to bad landings (by flak-damaged planes).

In other words, well over 50 per cent loss! That is my answer to your question, David.

H Scott, Barry Island



Barry College principal Paul Halstead presents the cheque to Red Dragon FM's Kam Kelly, surrounded by students and staff.

College raises £3,500 for disadvantaged children

STAFF and students at Barry College have raised £3,500 for the its chosen charity, Red Dragon FM's Help a South Wales Child, after holding a series of fundraising events throughout the year.

CCTV assists four arrests

CCTV operated by the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with four arrests in the week ending September 27.

CCTV contacted the police on 53 occasions; with one arrest concerning failing to stop after a road traffic collision, together with being drunk in charge of a vehicle, having no documents and possession of an offensive weapon (Vere Street, September 24).

Two arrests were made for theft (Holton Road, September 25-26), and one person was arrested over an outstanding warrant (Holton Road, September 26).

In addition, a vehicle was seized for dangerous driving at Barry Island (September 22).

Money donated to Help a South Wales Child is distributed in grants to organisations around south Wales that help and support disadvantaged children.

Pupils tackle litter around their school



OAK FIELD Primary School and Keep Wales Tidy recently joined forces to clean up their school grounds and the neighbourhood.

Years 3-4 pupils donned tabards, armed themselves with litter picks and went out into the local area to collect 15 black bin bags of rubbish.

Mrs Heard, year-3 teacher and Eco Schools coordinator, said: "It is wonderful to see the children helping the community. We're hoping that the message will be taken home and that between us we can reduce the litter problem around the school."

Oak Field school has recently been awarded its Silver Eco Schools award and is working towards their Green Flag award.

Tory surgeries

ANDREW RT DAVIES and David Melding, Conservative Assembly Members for South Wales Central Region, will be holding advice surgeries on October 5, and October 9, respectively at 29 High Street, Barry, between 10am-11.30am.

CHANCE FOR YOUNGSTERS TO DEVELOP GYM SKILLS

BUDDING gymnasts can back flip their way through new 10-week courses at Barry leisure centre.

A course for boys aged six to eight starts from Friday, October 2 and will run from 4.30pm-5.30pm each week.

Girls aged six to eight can begin their own course from Tuesday, October 6 and the course will run weekly from 5pm-6pm. Both courses will take a break during half-term.

Gymnasts will work through the A-Z Welsh Gymnastics scheme, starting from bronze, and will receive certificates and badges as they progress through the different apparatus and levels.

FreeStyle members at the Vale of Glamorgan's leisure centres can sign up for a course for £39.80, while non-members can enrol for £45.30.

To find out more about FreeStyle membership and other activities at all of the Vale's leisure centres, please visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/leisurecentres.



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NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Beating out that samba rhythm...

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BARRY Comprehensive School's music department certainly started off with a bang this year as classes played Samba music for the first time.

A full set of Samba drums had been recently purchased by the school and, with the support of staff from the Cardiff & Vale Music Service, the boys were put through their paces, under the watchful eye of Mr Bourton, the school's head of music.

More than 150 boys have already taken advantage of the school's policy to offer free peripatetic music lessons in guitar, drums, samba, clarinet, bass, African and Indian drums, percussion, woodwind, cello, double bass, piano and violin and voice.

"We expect to see a large number of these talented pupils contributing to the music and drama evenings in the future," a school spokesman said.

ABOVE:
Year-7 boys get the drums out for their first Samba music lesson.

Lewis in twin city tournament

BARRY Comprehensive School's Lewis Cotterill, a registered player for the Cardiff City Football Club Academy, was selected to represent Cardiff in the under-12s 'Twin City Tournament' at Stuttgart, Germany.

Stephen Ellis, head of education and welfare at Cardiff City, commented: "This is a tremendous opportunity for all the players to further their development technically and socially in football terms, as well



ABOVE:

Lewis Cotterill. as culturally, as it is the first time they will have played in a tournament overseas."

Pupils' bring gifts of Welsh cakes on Assembly visit

BRINGING gifts of Welsh cakes cooked by their hospitality students, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School council from Barry visited the Senedd for a tour and discussion with their Education Minister and Assembly Member, Jane Hutt.

Pictured with deputy headteacher, Lesley Olden, the Bryn Hafren School students told the Minister about their school council. There was also keen interest in the design of the building which was described as 'Cool!'.



CASTLELAND SURGERY

VALE and town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 3, at 10.30am-12pm, in the Drop-In-Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. If you can't make it, but need advice, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116.

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Barry needs a museum

I HAD an interesting chat the other day with two gentlemen in the town library who were advocating a museum for Barry, particularly in view of its connection with the Merchant Navy.

Why was it not thought of by the local authority and included in plans for the Waterfront – as a condition of planning permission?

There is a wealth of history here. A properly-designed, hands-on, museum that embraces the Merchant Navy connection, the coal trade and the Barry Island holidays connection, would attract school parties – from lower primary to

GCSE, and right up to sixth form.

It would also be a fitting memorial to the unsung heroes of the Merchant Navy, without whom the fighting troops would not have had food or arms to fight with.

Cardiff has successfully reinvented itself, so too has Swansea. That process started 30 years ago and it didn't just happen – people made it happen.

One thing is certain unless somebody among the powers that be starts thinking outside the box and gets things moving, Barry will have left it too late and it will be a mere suburb of Cardiff. David Alexander, Barry Island.

Disgust over loss of Llantwit Major ambulance station

I'M sure many people will be shocked to learn there is no longer an ambulance station in Llantwit Major.

My husband collapsed in Llantwit and the ambulance took 40 minutes to reach us.

I supported a petition years ago for the Llanmaes Road station to remain open and am disgusted, with Llantwit having grown so much since and with plans for further development, that this retrograde decision was made.

Mrs Bronwen Richards, Llantwit Major



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CONFUSING SIGNALS AT THE LLANMAES AND BOVERTON TURN-OFFS

I WRITE with reference to the tragic deaths that have occurred on the B4265 in recent months.

In my capacity as a specialist motorcycle accident lawyer, I investigate dozens of serious, catastrophic and fatal accidents each year.

The causes of each individual accident are, of course, for the expert police collision investigators to determine, but may I offer my thoughts generally in relation to the road in question and use of it?

Firstly, I completely agree with other local residents that both the junctions for the Llanmaes and the Boerton turn-offs have very confusing and distracting traffic signals, the former worse than the latter.

The lack of clarity at these junctions has led me, on many occasions,

to witness confused motorists failing to obey traffic signals, and I do not blame them.

A common cause of accidents is hesitation and these junctions promote such behaviour.

The council's highways department needs to urgently address this issue without delay and without consideration of cost.

Whatever the cost, it will be worth it to prevent another serious injury or fatality.

Further, I can foresee a situation whereby the council's insurer may be held to account for future accidents, if it is shown that the confusing traffic signals materially contributed to such an accident. The council must act now.

A further problem with the road in question is to do with the speed at which often young and inexperienced motorists are sometimes seen to be travelling and overtaking.

ing. There are sections of this road with poor sight lines and this makes overtaking a dangerous prospect.

If ever there was a place that needed speed enforcement measures, it is this road, not for revenue raising, as is often the case, but to save lives.

The council and police must address these issues immediately and I would be happy to

discuss my concerns with them in more detail should they so wish.

Finally, I please ask road users to watch out for motorcyclists, remembering to use mirrors and over shoulder checks before undertaking manoeuvres.

Basically, Think Bike, as the government's campaign advises.

Andrew Campbell,

Llantwit Major

THANK YOU

MORE than £800 was raised at our jumble sale last Saturday, and the Cowbridge Scout group would like to thank all those who helped to make it such a success.

A big thank you to those who provided jumble or gave a donation; those who collected and sorted it; and those who came to buy it.

Without the help of leaders, families and friends, it would not be possible to hold the jumble sale.

This involves a lot of hard work, not only in setting up, but also in clearing up afterwards.

David Weber (assistant leader),
Llanblethian

'VALE FOLK SO FRIENDLY'

IN response to Ros Lewis's letter in The GEM on September 10, I would like to say I agree 100 per cent.

I have lived in Bridgend all my life until last year when my family and I moved to St Athan because of my husband's job.

The whole of the Vale has an air of tranquillity and is bursting with beauty.

Everyone we meet, is so friendly and helpful – completely different to the cold and selfish attitude of so many of the Bridgend people.

My family love it here and wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Karen Griffiths, St Athan

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That is why I welcome the setting up of an outreach service of the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union in Gibbonsdown at the Gibbonsdown Communities First office in Aberaeron Close, Barry. It is open on Fridays between 11am-12.30pm.

Coun Rob Curtis, Barry

Thank you for honouring Maureen

THE staff from the Co-op Travel Shop, Llantwit Major and I would like to thank everyone who came to the blessing of a bench in memory of our friend Maureen Bryant.

Also thanks go to Ray for restoring the bench, and Mike David for siting and securing it.

Ann Davies, Llantwit

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Youth forums give young people a voice in their schools and local communities

OVER the past 10 years, I have been a trustee of the Vale Youth Forum, a responsibility I have valued and supported to help give young people a voice in their schools and communities.

This week, the Vale Youth Forum held its annual general meeting, where the forthcoming appointment of a Youth Forum coordinator was reported.

This is vitally needed to support the important work the forum has developed over the years, with the support of the Vale Youth Service, to provide backing for our young people who want to have a stronger say in the way we develop and run the

services that affect them.

The Vale Youth Forum has been at the forefront of youth participation and a model for the youth forums developing over Wales.

A more recent development is the Gibbonsdown Youth Forum, which is growing in membership. They came with Vale representatives to the Funky Dragon young people's national assembly in the summer, to meet ministers and hold their all Wales AGM.

Last week, I launched a best practice guide about effective school councils and youth forums in Wales. The case studies show what difference school councils and youth forums can make if they are really taken seriously and are given the opportunities and the resources they need.

To help achieve this, we have developed National Children and Young People's Participation Standards for Wales which give clear guidance to schools and local authorities.

These standards are based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12 of the

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

Convention stated that children and young people should have a say in things that affect them and adults should listen and take their point of view into account.

It is because of this article that the Welsh Assembly Government decided in 2005 that every school in Wales must have a school council and we are the first country to make this happen, as we were with the appointment of a Children's Commissioner.

In the research carried out for the best practice guide, young people told us that they benefited from taking part in decision-making in lots of ways.

When treated with respect and given

responsibility, they felt more motivated and were excited by the opportunities to make their community a better place.

They also felt more confident and gained important skills such as negotiating, speaking in public and working in a team – all skills which are important now and for the world of work in the future.

A revised activities toolkit for staff and pupils has also been produced and will be sent out to all schools and youth forums in Wales. There are posters and publicity materials to show what school councils can do and to encourage young people to get involved like they do in VIBE Creative and through many youth service activities.

I was pleased last week to meet the Bryn Hafren school council who were visiting the Senedd. They enjoyed their tour of the building, admired the architecture and asked me some tough questions. They were also very clear that they had a responsibility to represent their fellow pupils on the school council and related this to my role as their Assembly Member.

A visit to Barry Comprehensive School to discuss road safety issues and visit the new bike shed also involved pupils who helped to develop their school travel plan.

They are the ones who walk or cycle to school or travel by bus or car – they also know what is safe and what is hazardous and their experience, as well as their views, must be taken into account in road safety decisions.

Children and young people's participation is a growing and changing agenda in Wales. It has the potential to change the lives of individual children, young people and communities and guide us as we make decisions that affect them.

Our young people have a great deal to teach us in this respect.

ANOTHER TOP AWARD FOR THE VALE RESORT

THE Vale Resort is celebrating again – after winning a tourism gold award from Visit Wales.

It was announced last week by Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones that the Vale is the largest hotel resort included on the Visit Wales gold award list of accommodation for 2009/2010.

This recognises outstanding quality, comfort and hospitality in the serviced accommodation sector in Wales.

The Vale Resort received a top AA score and new AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant earlier this year.

The Resort achieved an 82 per cent AA merit rating out of a maximum 85 per cent within the four star rating band, with its contemporary Welsh restaurant, the Vale Grill, achieving its first AA rosette.

Ben Danielsen, the general manager, said: "This is another great accolade for the Vale Resort and recognises our efforts and focus in providing an excellent and individual customer experience."

"Hospitality is all down to teamwork and high on our agenda is the development of colleagues to ensure they reach their highest potential and that we consistently provide a high quality customer experience."



ABOVE: Teamwork counts – general manager Ben Danielsen (right) and managing director Stephen Leeke, celebrate a gold award from Visit Wales.

Boverton residents' petition on planned northern access road

VALE AM Jane Hutt, attended the handing over of a petition by Boverton residents to the petitions committee chair, Val Lloyd, at the Senedd last Wednesday.

The petition signed by 377 people, called for reconsideration of the proposed northern access road to the Defence Technical College, St Athan, and building of service family accommodation on green field land.



ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM is pictured with Doug Mountain, Mick Lobb, Dianne Lobb, Tony Meakin and Llantwit Major Town councillor Bob Gant.

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Third music festival hits top note at Penmark

THE Third Penmark Music Festival on September 19 was voted a "great success" when 250 people enjoyed an afternoon of music, ranging from opera through jazz, big band songs to rock'n'roll and ballads.

Andrew Matthews had arranged a stellar cast, which included Susie Smart from Operamint, Andrew himself, Sheila-Ann Farrier, the Llancarfan School Choir (who were brilliant), Beyond All Doubt (Sam Woollett's group) and Harry Brooks.

But these were only the supporting acts for the main stars, the Nigel Hart Jazz Band, who played their own music and then were joined by Jeff Hooper, who entertained us with a repertoire from the big band era.

Chloe Davies of Moulton returned to cap her memorable performance last year with an even more memorable one this year, which included some of her own songs. (Chloe has now made her first CD - it won't be her last) and the whole show was compered by Mac Perry who filled in the changes of the bands with his own songs.

Of the 'volunteers' who helped,

James Barnsley deserves a mention. Not only was his singing wonderful, but he brought his own 'groupies'...

Lunch was a mini hog-roast (pork, apple sauce and stuffing in a bap) followed by dessert.

This was our third music festival, but for 2009, we had shifted up a gear and were a bit worried about the cost of putting on the show.

We needn't have done so, as the support from everyone was magnificent. Special mentions must go to James Barnsley and the Six Bells who sponsored some of the beer and helped by ordering and cooking the food, Mark Rees who also sponsored the bar and provided a lorry and trailer for our stage, while the Six Bells, Pen and Paper of Cardiff and Tesco provided excellent prizes for our raffle.

Thanks to all, plus the committee and volunteers who helped during the day.

It looks as if we have made a very handy profit which will help run our village hall and pay for the new floor which is badly needed.

We are hoping to have an even bigger and better festival next year (Glastonbury look out!)

GAVIN DAVIES



ABOVE: James Barnsley's fans go wild!



Llancarfan School Choir were a big hit at the music festival.



James Barnsley was in good voice.



Jeff Hooper with the Nigel Hart band.



Chloe Davies wowed the audience.

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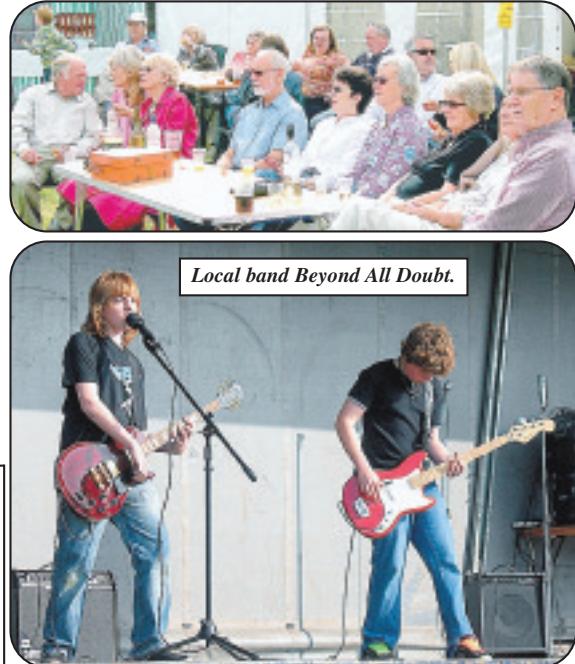
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Local band Beyond All Doubt.

Youth group puts on showcase event

A LOTTERY-FUNDED local group, CYPIC (Children and Young People in the Community) recently hosted a showcase event at Castleton Community Centre.

After a six-week summer programme of various sporting, arts and crafts and music workshops, including singing, dancing and cheerleading, there was an opportunity to show the skills acquired from these workshops.

Many of the young people performed in front of the community, expressing their new found skills and

having fun.

CYPIC co-ordinator Soraya Cordle said: "The summer programme was a great success. I am proud of all who took part, they showed so much courage and put in a lot of hard work and effort. They had a short amount of time to learn routines and songs so, as you can imagine, it was tense and tiring for us all, but the hard work paid off, well done!"

For further information on any of the CYPIC projects and activities, contact Soraya Cordle (co-ordinator) at Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry CF63 4JY, tel: 01446 403549.

News from Dinas Powys Welsh Society

CYMDEITHAS Gymraeg Dinas Powys has been serving the needs of the Welsh speaking population of the village, as well as Penarth and Sully, over 40 years.

We have always been well supported by non-Welsh speakers and always welcome those who are learning the language.

We meet six times a year, we celebrate Harvest and Christmas with services at St Peter's Church when we are joined by children from local schools, and St David's Day is celebrated with a dinner. We have visiting speakers and quizzes and a charity evening which has raised thousands of pounds for worthy local charities at our themed charity night in November.

Our charity this year is the newly re-established Ysgol Feithrin (Welsh Nursery) under the leadership of Sian Sutton – this is great news for the village.

Programme of events: Monday, October 5, Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church, 7pm; Friday, November 20, charity evening 'Black and White', Lee Hall, Dinas Powys Food, Bar and Entertainment £10 7.30pm; Monday, December 21, Carol Service at St Peter's Church 7pm; Monday, February 1, quiz with teams from other areas; Monday, March 1, St David's Day Dinner; Monday, April 12, 'Where in the World?' – an evening with world wide explorers.

Rhys Davies (chairman) welcomes newcomers to join in the hwyli, in any or all the events listed.

Further information from secretary Iris Cobbe on 029 2051 3413.

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Mae ein rhaglen weithgareddau yn un diddorol iawn eleni efo: Llun, Sed Hydref Gwasanaeth Diolchgarwch Eglwys Sant Pedr 7pm; Gwener, 20fed Tachwedd Noson Elusennol 'Du a Gwyn' Neuadd Lee, bwyd, bar ac adloniant £10 7.30pm; Llun, 21ain Rhagfyr Gwasanaeth Carolau Eglwys Sant Pedr 7pm; Llun, 1af Chwefror CWIS gyda thimau a aedaloedd cyfagos; Llun, 1af Mawrth Ciniw Gwyl Ddewi; Llun, 12fed Ebrill 'Ble yn y Byd?' noson gyda teithwyr anturus byd eang.

Ga i, Rhys Davies fel cadeirydd y flwyddyn, estyn croeso cynnes iawn i unrhyw un a fydd am ymuno a ni yn ystod hwyli a sbri y misoedd nesaf.

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LEFT:
Harriet Elliott who won the Generation Green competition and eco-competition.

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THE DEFENCE COLLEGE PLAN IS RUBBER STAMPED BY VALE COUNCIL

IN the end, the Defence Technical College (DTC) at MoD St Athan was not so much debated, as rubber stamped at last week's meeting of the Vale Council planning committee.

Given the fact that it was, by general agreement, the biggest and most complex application to ever appear before the council, the average observer would have been surprised at how few councillors had anything to say about it.

Not that the members of the press were complaining, you understand. With a DTC application running to 240-odd pages, and an Aerospace Business Park (ABP) application running to 160, a line-by-line debate could have lasted two days.

Nevertheless, I have heard planning committees get more excited by a debate over a loft extension.

So who did speak? First was Councillor Gwyn John from Llanwit Major, who said that he was speaking on behalf of Llanwit Major Town Council and other community councils in the area.

He began by saying that all the local residents he had spoken to were totally in favour of the DTC plans "inside the wire".

The problems, he explained, concerned the plans that will take the DTC outside the existing boundaries of MoD St Athan.

He outlined these problems to the planning committee, and many will be familiar to GEM readers, as they have been highlighted in this newspaper in recent weeks.

Councillor John said that the Northern Access Road (NAR) has attracted considerable opposition, as it will take road traffic close to areas that, at the moment, are quiet and peaceful.

He was particularly upset on behalf of Millands Park residents, saying that many were elderly and had retired there for a quiet life. Residents in Llanmaes and Monmouth Way would also be affected.

He insisted that the NAR was in contravention of the Vale Council's own UDP, and said that noise from the new road would be "unbearable".

He argued that the NAR was not essential for the DTC and ABP, and urged the council to drop this aspect of the plan.

He was also concerned that the firing range would be too close to existing homes, and that a Field

PHILIP IRWIN REPORTS ON A LANDMARK VALE PLANNING 'DEBATE'

Training Area (FTA) where soldiers would train to cope with ambushes, was also far too close.

His other main objection was to the number of Service Family Accommodation (SFA) units that are to be built "outside the wire". He told the committee: "This has come about because the original plan was to put these homes on the golf course at RAF St Athan.

"I am glad that the golf club has been saved, but there was no need to respond by putting houses outside the wire."

Councillor John was not a member of the committee, but he found support from a councillor who is, the leader of Plaid Cymru on the Vale Council, Councillor Nic Hodges.

Now, no one could accuse Councillor Hodges of being a flag-waver for the DTC.

Some months ago, he claimed that the DTC would lead to Llanwit Major being overrun with "drunken squaddies".

He pointed to the same objections as Councillor John, the NAR, the SFA and the firing ranges.

He said: "There was a high level of support for this project, which swayed the bid in its favour, but local support since then has been haemorrhaging."

He had his own solution for the problem of the firing ranges, pointing out that Wales already had similar facilities in Sennybridge and in west Wales.

He said: "Let us just put them all in a bus and drive them out to an existing range."

His Plaid colleague Val Hartrey also expressed reservations, saying that the "Valleywood" scheme had dwindled away to just housing, with the promised film studios now lying empty.

However, when it came to the vote on the DTC, Councillor Hodges found that his Plaid colleagues were not following their leader – and he was the only one to vote against.

When it came to the Aerospace Business Park vote, that was passed unanimously.

Councillor Eric Hacker and Councillor John Clifford, both from Llanwit Major, also expressed concern about the effect on their constituents, but there were no other contributions.

So what swayed the rest of the planning committee?

It could only be the contribution of Rob Thomas, the Vale Council's head of planning and transportation.

Mr Thomas went through the two reports, highlighting the areas where there was disagreement, and said that, as a result, the council had put more than 60 conditions on the development – all designed to

protect local residents.

There was much talk of decibel readings, and protective bunds, and sound reduction measures, and action to prevent light pollution.

In answer to Councillor Hartrey's reservations, he insisted that the Northern Access Road cannot be built until there is formal approval for the entire project.

This, he said, would mean that it was impossible for a "housing only" development to take place.

Golf range is to close as crematorium gets go-ahead



An artist's impression of how the crematorium will look.

THE owner of South Wales Golf Range based on the Port Road Barry has expressed his sadness that it will close at the end of October after plans for a crematorium were given the green light.

Mr Simon Cox, aged 57, built the driving range from scratch in 1985, and it was opened by rugby legend Gareth Edwards, who was being coached by Mr Cox at the time.

Mr Cox said: "We are closing at the end of the month because the lease is not being renewed and the crematorium is going ahead.

"I think the landowners believe it will be more financially advantageous."

Over the last 24 years thousands of would-be golfers have visited the range from all over south Wales.

Mr Cox explained: "It has been the oldest golf range and small course in Wales.

"When I took it over it was overgrown, but with a lot of love and hard work we turned it into something picturesque."

Mr Cox is concerned that it is a case of another facility being lost at a time when the Welsh Assembly Government is encouraging people to be more active.

He explained: "The spectrum of people who come is vast, from youngsters age three to a man who was here last week and aged 95!"

"For local golf clubs it will be a

blow too, because thousands of people started the game here and went on to join clubs.

"We made everything as affordable as possible – operating on a 'pay as you go' basis – we didn't have on-going membership fees."

"I'm concerned about where people will now be able to go to get a start in the game."

Mr Cox pointed out that Rhys Davies, the Welshman in the British Open this year, started to learn the game at the range at the age of eight.

The GEM understand that the crematorium, which will be the first in the Vale, will have an access point half way between Pencoed Lane and the roundabout at the top of the Docks Link Road.

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LLANTWIT MAJOR 'SKATEFEST' HAILED A HUGE SUCCESS



MORE than 150 skaters and BMX riders enjoyed a "fantastic day" at Llantwit's first 'Skatefest' on the newly-refurbished ramps at Frampton recently.

Vale youth services and the Pulse team provided a barbecue and Tribe skateboarding services brought along mobile skate equipment for the skaters to evaluate, and two professional skaters to demonstrate their skills.

An event spokesman said: "As soon as the mobile ramps were unveiled, the skaters were soon performing gravity-defying leaps and jumps, with skills to match the professionals."

"Skaters came from Penarth, Rhosne, Dinas Powys and Bridgend – as the word spread to be part of Llantwit's Skatefest."

He continued: "The joint collaboration between the Vale Council's parks department participation officer, the Vale youth services, Llantwit's Pulse Team, Creative Rural Communities and Major Skate, was a superb way to highlight the positive nature of young people's participation in their communities."

Andy Borsden of the youth service said: "With so many people in one spot, there was no trouble and it was a joy for my team to be part of it; the weather was brilliant!"

The skaters and BMX riders filled in questionnaires evaluating wheeled sports facilities for young people in Llantwit and the Vale, and the comments regarding the new facilities in Frampton were overwhelmingly positive.

Derek Naylor, a founder member and chairman of Major Skate commented: "This has been a fantastic day for the skaters of Llantwit and emphasises the popularity of skateboarding in the Vale and the desire to upgrade facilities."

"As a group we wish to thank the collaboration with the Vale Council, Creative Rural Communities for funding and the Youth services for helping to get the new facilities up and running in such a short period of time."

"It has been a hugely successful project and we also want to acknowledge the continued support from councillors and the people of Llantwit."

He added: "The exemplary manner with which the skaters of Llantwit hosted our guests for the first of many Skate Fests was commented on by many, and was something to be proud of."



Vale AM's surgery
JANE HUTT AM for the Vale, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 3, between 10am-12noon, at Cowbridge Town Hall. No appointments are necessary.

Telephone the AM's office on 01446 740981 if you would like more information.

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'Keep your dogs under control' – plea by farmer after his steer is attacked

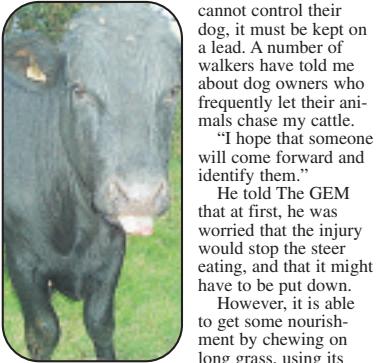
A LLANTWIT MAJOR farmer is calling for dog owners to keep their pets under control – after one of his cattle had part of its tongue bitten off!

Gareth Lucas, who has a beef herd which grazes near the coastal path, made the shock discovery last Thursday (September 24).

The steer had lost a section of its tongue, at least two inches in length, and Mr Lucas told The GEM:

"I can think of no alternative explanation, and neither could the vet who came to examine the steer."

He said: "I have no problem with people walking in the area and



ABOVE
The steer, with the end of its tongue bitten off.

using the footpaths – it is a beautiful place to do so.

"However, if they

cannot control their dog, it must be kept on a lead. A number of walkers have told me about dog owners who frequently let their animals chase my cattle. "I hope that someone will come forward and identify them."

He told The GEM that at first, he was worried that the injury would stop the steer eating, and that it might have to be put down.

However, it is able to get some nourishment by chewing on long grass, using its lips, but it still cannot cope with short grass or any special cattle feed.

Mr Lucas said: "I know that it is only a tiny minority who act in this way, but this incident has caused the steer an enormous amount of distress."

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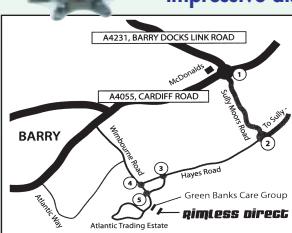
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Barry College - celebrating half a century at the heart of the Vale.

From September 2009 Barry College is celebrating 50 years of its life and work at the heart of the community in the Vale. Each month in The GEM, Barry College will be looking back over the last 50 years – with memories and photographs from past students, staff and local residents

In September 1959 Barry College opened its doors to its first learners. Since then, the College has trained tens of thousands of learners from generations across the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales and beyond.

As part of this year of celebration there will be many activities taking place. This will include this page, which will feature monthly in The GEM and a dedicated website, www.barry.ac.uk/50, to be launched in October, where many more memories and photographs of the College throughout the years will be displayed for future generations to remember Barry College's heritage.

Barry College would like you to help – see below for how to contribute to either the website or a future page in The GEM.

It was 50 years ago this year. What else was happening in 1959?

- Epic film Ben Hur and Marilyn Monroe classic Some Like It Hot premiere
- Simon Cowell is born
- Harry Secombe is voted Show Business Personality of the Year
- Explorer 6 takes the first photographs of Earth from space
- The first full-sized hovercraft is tested on the Isle of Wight
- Direct dial payphones introduced in the UK
- The Austin Mini rolls off the production line and goes on sale for £500
- Mattel's Barbie Doll is launched
- Average house price: £2,400
- The first section of the M1, Britain's first motorway, opens
- Y Ddraig Goch (Red Dragon) officially recognised as the Badge of Wales by the Queen

Then and now...



Barry College Colcot Road site, taken 1959



Barry College Colcot Road site, taken 2009

"I remember..."

This month's memories come from Maria Elliott and Margaret Allen, employees and past students at the College:

"We were secretarial students at the College 40 years ago. In fact, we were taught short hand in the same room that has since become an office and we now both spend our working days in!"

"We remember the College as quite a different place 40 years ago. Apart from the lack of cars, less buildings and a lot less people, the learning environment was also very different. There were no computers back then, we were taught to touch type on old Imperial 66 typewriters in quite an interesting way - a record player was set up at the front of the room and William Tell Overture was played loudly. We then touch typed to the rhythm, hearing the united 'ping' of the platen – the roller in a type writer - around the class at the end of each line! It really is quite amusing looking back at that teaching method – but it certainly worked!"

Do you have a special memory or story about Barry College?

Do you have any photographs of Barry College taken over the years?

Whether a past student, member of staff, friend of the College or local resident – we all share in the College's heritage.

As part the year of celebrations, the College is collecting messages, short stories, memories, photographs and other related memorabilia. These will then be added to a dedicated website www.barry.ac.uk/50, and may be included in this monthly feature, to inform future generations about the history of their local college.

You can send in messages or photographs: By email: 50years@barry.ac.uk, In person, by visiting Barry College, Colcot Road. Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm

All those that contribute photographs or written memories will receive a thank you letter and commemorative gift.

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GLADSTONE GET GOLD STAR FOR PE



GLADSTONE Primary School in Barry has been awarded a gold star for its high standards in PE.

The Sports Council for Wales and the Association for Physical Education are recognising schools that are putting PE at the top of the agenda.

NEWS FROM POSITIVE IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY (PIPS)

Casting light on shadowy subjects

MEMBERS of Barry's Positive Image Photographic Society (PIPS) were privileged last week to have club member Marc Delaney give a practical workshop in 'Lighting for Effect'.

Marc demonstrated close-up and tabletop photography lighting techniques, giving members the opportunity to try their hand at photographing what are actually notoriously difficult subjects – such as cut and plain glassware, polished wood and matt finish metal-ware.

Regular members were very grateful to Marc for providing an evening that was both highly informative and

Longstanding friends put on a good show

POSITIVE Image Photographic Society met up again at St Baruch's Church on Barry Island after the 'summer recess'.

Chairman, John Leaver, welcomed members back and the familiar speakers for the evening, Pam and Cled Lewis, who had shared their adventures on several previous occasions.

Pam and Cled presented a collection of images taken on an extended trip around South America.

What is so entertaining about this pair is that – they don't travel, they don't go on holidays – they go on expeditions and have adventures!

On this particular trip the adventures started before they arrived at their first destination – Buenos Aires, having suffered several delays and breakdowns en route.

Nonetheless, the intrepid pair came back with a very impressive collection of images of a fascinating country.

The first images were of the city of Buenos Aires itself. Warned not to look like tourists and keep cameras and other valuables out of sight the couple worked with two cameras, a Leica R9 DMR and a much less conspicuous Lumix FX1.

They experienced no difficulties and were very pleased that, despite the difference in the capacity of the two cameras, the images taken with the smaller Lumix compared very favourably with those taken with the much more expensive Leica.

Clem and Pam entertained us with stories of their travels and an eclectic mix of images of a fascinating city ranging from sculpture to a huge stainless steel tulip which actually opened in the morning and closed at sunset;

modern and Spanish, French and Italian colonial architecture, street entertainers, gritty images of the poorer areas and images of the picturesque Italian Quarter reminiscent of Port Merion.

The images became more stunning as the evening progressed and included Seascapes and wildlife taken in Tierra del Fuego, the 240ft high four mile wide moving glacier – at El Calafate, Argentina and, for the homesick, the Welsh community in Patagonia.

Our thanks to Clem and Pam for an enjoyable evening to kick-start the 2009/10 season.

The next meeting of the society is on September 17, and will be a demonstration 'Lighting for Effect' by retired professional photographer, Marc Delaney.

New welcome. Further details www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk.

Learning all about antiques and collectables

RHOOSE WI NEWS

JOHN HATCHER gave an extremely interesting and at times highly amusing view of items brought in by members of the Rhoose WI recently.

He explained that antiques had to be at least 100 years old before they qualified; however, any item which was collectable obviously was of interest to dealers.

China, coins, a hand mirror, silver and ornaments were all discussed, but a very old and delicate music box and a tiny carriage clock particularly caught his attention.

His obvious knowledge and enthusiasm, delivered with humour, entranced the members and it was with great reluctance that they settled down for the remainder of the meeting when future activities were dealt with.

The competition was won by June, with Rae a close second. The raffle was won by Jill.

The president said that the next meeting would be on October 1 when there would be a demonstration of Christmas flower decorations.

The competition flower theme will be a Fuchsia.

Luke and Rory beat thousands to win apprenticeships



Luke Young (far left) and Rory Barber (second from right) with their fellow apprentices.

TWO bright sparks from the Barry area are among 150 youngsters beginning an apprenticeship with local power firm SWALEC.

Rory Barber (17) of Barry, and Luke Young (18) of Dinas Powys, were shortlisted from 4,500 applicants to join an industry-renowned

apprentice training programme run by SWALEC's parent company Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE).

Ryan Sadler of SSE, said: "The number of companies recruiting apprentices has dwindled, but we see young people like Rory and Luke as an investment in our future."

Pupils' art work admired by AM

AS well as the colourful mural sponsored by Arriva Trains at Barry Town Station, the creative talents of Romilly Primary School pupils are featured in the MIND in the Vale Travellers Café and Gallery.

Their work has won the admiration of Jane Hutt AM, for the Vale, who is pictured here with Edward Beer, Oliver Coborn and teacher Jane Mullane.



ABOVE: Two of the young artists.

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PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB MEETS SOME OF THE GREAT MINDS!

I HAVE recently experienced extremely tenuous contact with some great minds – which set me thinking and gave me some reassuring thoughts.

The first was Alan Turing. I have read much about the man known as the father of modern computing and his code-breaking work at Bletchley Park. I have seen the office where he worked.

He was severely treated after the war because of his homosexuality. The prime minister has recently offered an apology for the treatment he was given. Putting aside the question of whether we should be apologising now for the actions of others at the time (who were enforcing the law as it stood), it is fitting that the enormous contribution of a powerful intellect should continue to be acknowledged by a grateful nation.

The second was Charles Darwin. I have

just returned from a visit to Down House in Kent where he lived for 40 years and did so much of his work.

He did not claim to have a towering intellect, but his observations and subsequent expositions about how species arise constitute a monumental result from a lifetime of self-imposed study.

All this could be a mite dispiriting for us mere mortals who stumble along from crisis to crisis but these giants of intellect and application had their problems too!

When I have lost something I remind myself that Alan Turing was, at one time during the war, so convinced that we would be invaded and overrun that he buried a quantity of gold in the woods for safety. He then contributed to winning the war, but was never able to find his gold!

In the same vein, Charles Darwin was well known to have notes and samples of his work scattered about his room and even throughout the

house. His workroom shows bits and pieces all over the place.

My desk is as messy as anybody's, I suppose, but it is nice to know that I am in illustrious company – even if I have no expectation of astounding the scientific community. The same could be said for the way my data is stored.

The folder structure is inconsistent across the several interests that I have, but I know where everything is; that is the important thing.

There are ways of making sure that you do not lose data on your computer. Some of them are very efficient, but have to be learnt for maximum benefit. Others are inefficient and store multiple copies to such an extent that they require additional storage space on external hard drives. They are cumbersome, but straightforward. That's mine.

In short, you should work the way that suits you and not worry that other people do things differently. If you want

to use a rigid layout for your data and you are prepared to be strict with yourself, that's OK. If you want to be less rigid, that's OK, too.

Your computer operating system recognises this, which is why it is nearly always possible to do something in three, four or five different ways. It pays to experiment so that you choose the one that best suits the way you want to work.

If you have never hidden something valuable and then been unable to find it, you can feel superior to one clever person in that respect. If that doesn't work for you because you HAVE been unable to find something important – well, you can always tidy your desk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13, at 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND
(Chairman)

Tae Kwon Do Academy in Cardiff medal blitz

IT was a brilliant day for the warriors of Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales.

The team came away with a staggering 14 medals – five gold, four silver and five bronze.

The event was held at Canton Community Centre with approximately 100 students from different clubs in the area attending.

The team consisted of: Hannah Masters, two silver medals; Natasha Masters, one gold, one bronze; Emma Ponson, one silver, one bronze; Ria Athnal, one gold; Simran Athnal, one bronze; Lauren Punter, one gold; Brooklyn Luce, two bronze; Joshua Heaslip, one gold, one silver; Cailan Bishop, one gold.

The team is based in Brynna and Llanharry and for more information about the school please



contact: Leanne Casley on 07921312897 e-mail leanne@taow.co.uk, or Gary Luce on 07731090305 e-mail gary@taow.co.uk.

ABOVE:
The Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales had a medal-laden time at an event held at Canton Community Centre.

Record total raised at charity coffee morning

A HUGE thank you has been extended to all who attended 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Chris Williams Optometrist on September 25.

"This year we beat all previous records by raising an amazing £480. Our thanks go to New

Hope for donating the tea and coffee, Somerfield for the milk and buns, and also to the Llantwit Major Town crier and Doreen for their 'smashing' efforts. The giant cup-cake made by Margaret Craig was raffled, and presented to Mrs Sue Lewis," Chris reported.

RIGHT:
Sue Lewis receives the giant cupcake.



STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT HOSPITAL

Barry Comprehensive pupils get to work!



Mr Thomas and the boys face the weeds.

BARRY
Comprehensive School Year 7 boys recently volunteered to help at Barry Hospital.

An area of garden in the hospital grounds was in need of attention to make it a more pleasant and productive environment for patients and staff.

The boys, under the guidance of the school's work experience coordinator, Mr Alan Thomas, made the first of many scheduled visits.

Work started on clearing the vegetable plot, and bulbs are ready to be planted in the flower beds, but the weeds will need to make some room before spring colour will be cheering up the patients.

The Rhoose Rascals set to rise again!

RHOOSE Mother and Toddler Group has been on the brink of closing for some time, due to a lack of money, equipment and toys.

However, through the hard work and dedication of two local childminders Nick Reynolds and Lynne Doe, who took over the running of the group recently, things have changed dramatically.

Nicky and Lynne have invested time

and money in the group, run entirely voluntarily. They provided new toys and equipment, rallied support from local mothers and sought unwanted toys.

They have also listened to comments from the group and changed the layout of the equipment so babies and toddlers have their own safe areas to

play and created a warm and friendly atmosphere for all.

A donation has been received from local business men Mr Gary Morgan and Mr Russell Sargent, which enabled an arts and craft group to be set up in the holidays.

This was run by Hazel Ferrer until she was struck down with Swine Flu. Again Nicky and Lynne came to the rescue and took over the running of the arts and craft as well as the mother and toddler group.

It is based at Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, Rhoose on Tuesdays 1pm-3pm and Thursday 9.15am-11.15am.

Admission is only £2. This includes tea or coffee for adults, juice biscuits/toast for children.

For further information, telephone 01446 713825.

The Sea View 1st XV struggle to cope with Whitchurch's power

AFTER a weekend off, Saturday saw the return to the fray of Sea Views 1st XV with an away fixture against Whitchurch RFC.

'The View' travelled to Cardiff with high hopes of building on the strong performances in their games against Star RFC.

Unfortunately, Whitchurch had not read the script – from the start they powered into Sea View, scoring two quick penalties to give them a 6-0 lead.

A converted try quickly followed, taking the score to 13-0. With the strong Whitchurch pack dominating the lighter Sea View eight at the set piece, the backs were forced to exist on scraps of possession, despite a lack of quick clean ball the Sea View backs looked impressive with ball in hand.

In the loose, the forwards worked hard but were outwitted by an experienced Whitchurch pack, the opposition No 8 having a fine game. Sea View's cause was

not helped by the loss of veteran prop Antony Williams to a shoulder injury, with Trevor Huelin stepping into the breach.

A period of sustained pressure from Sea View saw them camped on Whitchurch's line, but they were unable to turn pressure into points.

The half continued in much the same vein. Despite sterling defensive work from the whole team, Sea View were unable to stop Whitchurch scoring another converted try and a penalty to take the score to 23-0.

In the second half, Sea View came to life, shuffling the pack and bringing on fresh legs. However, they were still unable to turn pressure into points.

Later on in the half, Whitchurch added two tries, converting one to give a final score of 35-0.

There were many positives from the match; Sea View backs having a good game despite the lack of ball, the mobile View pack looked good in the loose.

Congratulations to

Daniel Glennie and Leon Ford on their 25th caps.

A massive thanks this week to Sea View's travelling supporters. It was hard to tell it was an away match!

MARK VENESS

Rhys represents Wales in French tournament



LEFT:
Rhys James, who is travelling to France to represent Wales.

BARRY Comprehensive School's year 10 student Rhys James has been selected by the Welsh Football Trust to represent Wales against France in a three-fixture friendly tournament.

Rhys is now in Rouen, France as part of the national boys under-16 development squad between September 28 and October.

In addition to training and the matches, Rhys and his team-mates will be required to study for two hours each day to keep up to date with their school work.

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Popular Toy and Train Sale returns to Barry Leisure Centre

THE next Barry Toy and Train Sale, event, takes place this Sunday (October 4) at Barry Leisure Centre.

This will be the second such event at its new 'home' since the move to the centre in February.

The larger hall, superior lighting and massive parking areas were greatly appreciated in February, by both the traders and the public, and an additional bonus at the show is the fact that the entire hall will be in use, doubling the available space.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Barry has always proved to be highly popular and well-supported show and it is so easily reached from a very wide area, north, south, west and east.

"It is also known for the high-quality of the stall-holders attending, and the wide variety of goods on offer, new and old."

The show on Sunday is actually an additional event on top of the regular February and December fairs, and was brought about as a result of strong demand from everybody attending in February – and from both sides of the counter. It will now become a regular date.

Traders are keenly seeking stock and anyone visiting is urged to bring along surplus items, even if only for a valuation.

Such items will always be welcome in part-exchange or for cash. Raiding the attic could yield some pleasant surprises!

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COWBRIDGE Fashion Week, which is just one week away, is promising the longest catwalks in Britain on Thursday, October 8.

Esther Hitchcock of Jon Ian – one of the three fashion committee members along with Sue Marshall of Lois, and Awen Evans of Havana – explained: "We're having a 'Champagne Trail' on the Thursday evening with a parade starting at 6.15pm at which shops will be able to show off their fashions and designs.

"There will be a red carpet outside the shops which will make the parade the longest catwalk in Britain!"

A total of 39 businesses are taking part in the extravaganza!

Esther said: "People will be able to have some champagne and browse from shop to shop – it's an event which shows people that despite the recession we're fighting back and providing a unique shopping experience.

"There are probably more designer items in Cowbridge than Cardiff, and it is great to see so many local people pulling together to put on such a great event.

"There will be street entertainers and dance groups.

"Aubrey Parsons is providing music on the evening, and it will be piped throughout the town.

"One thing we can guarantee is that if it rains the evening's entertainment will definitely go on."

To give you a small flavour of what is going on:

Karma Beauty is promising a 1920s 'Flapper Night'.

Oscars is providing champagne with every adult meal.

En Vogue says that 'For one night only there will be an X-Factor singer'.

Bar 44 will be making up Fashion Week cocktails.

Jeyes is putting on a champagne party.

Jon Ian will present a 'Bollywood Night'.

Pebble is putting on a Mama

Mia night and will have live window models.

Visage is going continental with a 'Spanish Night'.

Havana will entertain with 'Mardi Gras Night' and live band Cocama.

Lois expects a visit from 007 himself with a James Bond-themed evening.

The late night entertainment and shopping will go on until 9pm.

An indication of the popularity of Cowbridge Fashion Week is shown by the fact that a ladies' fashion lunch, hosted by Justina Simpson and Jonathan Hill, at the Bear Hotel for 180 people has already sold out.

But fear not, there is still lots to see on Friday which has been designated 'Designer Bargain Day' – The Bear Hotel and Town Hall will be running designer sale rooms.

Esther said: "There are still some tickets available for the climax of fashion week, a black tie charity dinner event featuring a catwalk show, live band and raffle

on behalf of Ty Hafan."

Esther laughed: "There will be some local talent too! Cowbridge ladies, and men, will model clothes sold in the town, and the make-up and hair-dos will be provided by local businesses."

If anyone would like to book tickets they should contact John Ian on 01446 775226.

Ty Hafan was nominated as Cowbridge Fashion Week's chosen charity because of the help it gives families across Wales. Sue Marshall, one of the organisers of the fashion week, experienced its unique support when her late son Max was seriously ill.

Fashion Week first started in 2006 and over the years it has become more and more ambitious.

Esther added: "It is an example of the town all pulling together and showing visitors the many things we have to offer.

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COWBRIDGE HIGH STREET MAP

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18 Bar 44 Come and enjoy Fashion Week cocktails...Cheers!

19 Country Casuals

20 Jeyes Champagne party

21 Woodcocks Snow & Surf Night

22 Lois 007 fun and frolics with Sean Connery & Jack Nicholson

23 Sanders

24 Jenny Wren

25 The Hair Business Pop in to enjoy champagne, nibbles, goody bags and live music.

26 Jon Ian Bollywood Night

27 Jon Ian Men Bollywood Night

28 Raggas

29 Stefanos

30 Pebble Mama Mia night with greek cocktails and live window models

31 Vada Telier

32 Visage Come along to our Spanish Night. Viva La Visage.

33 Square Spots Designer 3 day sale at The Bear Hotel

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ONE of the nice touches of Cowbridge Fashion Week is each year local people have acted as models for hair cuts, make-up and designer clothes available locally.

As you can see from last year's colourful catwalk parade (right and below) the women seem to have a natural flair for it.

Organisers hope that if this year replicates the success of previous years, Fashion Week will become an annual event!



Red Hot celebrations for Fich & Ramous' 'Golden Boy'

WHAT better way to celebrate 50 years in the hairdressing industry than to open a brand new, red hot salon on Cowbridge's Eastgate?

Lance has been an inspiration to stylists and clients alike throughout his career and is still inspired today to

create the hottest trends and styles that make him so sought after.

Fich & Ramous will certainly have a great deal to celebrate on October 8 – a Golden Jubilee, a new salon and the start of Cowbridge's Fashion Week extravaganza!

Be certain to join us at this Red Hot event and let's raise our glasses to a 'Red Hot' legend – Lance.





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Landmark scheme will preserve Cowbridge's historic town walls

by MIKE MEREDITH

Cowbridge's historic town walls, first built in the 12th century, are to be repaired and restored under a creative scheme devised by the town's Charter Trust which is likely to get under way within weeks.

Under the project, funded by Vale Council, the walls will be re-pointed, repaired and in some circumstances reconstructed to make them safe and weather-proof.

Charter Trust chairman, Luke Millar said: "This is easily the most important scheme that the Trust has taken on since it was formed eight years ago. The walls were in imminent danger of collapse, as they already have in one small portion.

"Indeed, they might have been lost entirely had we not had the invaluable support of our consultant civil engineer, Peter Jones, together with that of the Vale Council and our own walls sub-group, who have worked over three years to prepare the structures for this important launch decision."

Mr Jones, who outlined the proposed scheme to Trust members at Cowbridge Town Hall last Thursday said that the project was likely to take five-seven months to complete, dependent on the weather.

He said that bids for the contract had been received from four expe-

rienced local contractors, all of them professionals in the construction of stonework and the use of lime mortar.

Mr Jones observed: "It is comforting to know that such skilled people are available to complete work like this. All four have been most thorough in their proposals and we expect to award the contract very shortly."

"I see it as a triumph for Cowbridge, acknowledging the vital part that the town has played in the history and development of south Wales. Everyone who takes pride in the town should have reason to celebrate this scheme."

Cowbridge town walls were first built in the second half of the 12th century by Richard de Clare, and stood the test of time as a secure bastion until the 1700s when they were largely dismantled to provide stonework for the construction of nearby properties, including Old Hall.

"As we've seen from the foundations, the original walls were substantial and formed from blocks of dressed stone, probably quarried locally," Mr Millar explained.

"They were then replaced by the largely rubble wall we have today."

"Despite its perhaps lesser pedigree, the walls stand as testament to times past, giving Cowbridge a status as one of the few remaining walled towns in Wales. It is right and proper that these structures should be preserved and maintained. That is what we are about to do," he added.

Town hall packed out for screening

TRANSITION

Cowbridge, in collaboration with the Big Screen, brought a screening of *The Age of Stupid* to Cowbridge last week.

The capacity audience, which included the Mayor and Mayoress and invited guests from the local community, joined a global premiere. Cinemas were sold out across the world and the film has made a huge impact.

Rob McGhee, of the Transition group, gave a short presentation before the film to introduce the principles of Transition, which is rooted in the need for a sustainable future in the face of Climate Change and Peak Oil.

He said: "Transition is a means of bringing people together to develop a

sustainable way of life for themselves, the community and the planet."

At the end of the film, Atlantic College student, Charlie Young (17), told of his experience during the production of the film, which was five years in the making.

He made an impassioned plea for its message to be heard and acted upon at all levels of society, Government, community and by each individual.

Charlie said: "Our generation is at a unique point in history. We have the chance to take action now and to save ourselves; we will be heralded by future generations who will look back at this time."

For further details on the Transition projects in Cowbridge contact: Rob McGhee/Dinky Kennedy on 01446 775686, transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com



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Maintaining high standards is the key to the team's success, and their experience covers all aspects of hair design, affordable prices.

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For further information, please contact The Hair Studio, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1RD; telephone 01446 795580.



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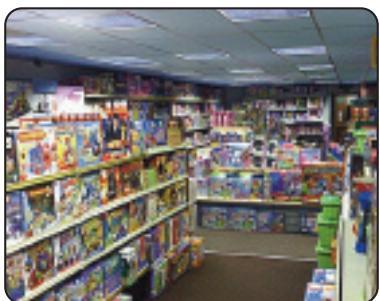
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THE historic, vibrant coastal town of Llantwit Major, continues to charm visitors, old and new. Residents enjoy a real community spirit, described by one local as "The best - unbeatable!"

Shops and businesses gladly acknowledge an upturn in customer mood, in spite of the doom and gloom of countless financial forecasts.

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STOP PRESS: Llanlltyd Fawr in Flower news flash...

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Contact Tina Benfield on 01446 792317 for full details.



Ben's Barbers

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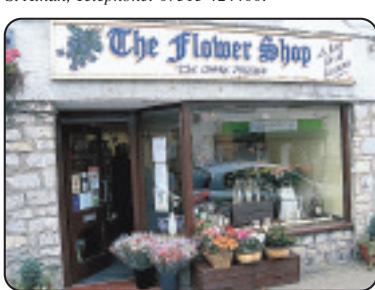
All you have to do is enter this competition is answer this question:

Complete the town name - Llantwit

(A) Major (B) Minor (C) Sharp.

Send your name, address and telephone number to us, on a postcard marked 'Llantwit Competition', no later than Friday, October 9.

No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final. Good luck!



The Flower Shop

WE are a family-run business, and for more than 10 years we have served the community with good old-fashioned value for money.

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Sloan&Co

SINCE Seconds Up changed to Sloan&Co in the summer, the business is flourishing, increasing its range to incorporate nightwear, underwear, bags and purses, and even socks!

Previous owner Carol and her son Stuart, still work together to find the great value quality fashion for which the store is known.

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Sloan&Co, Pound Field, Llantwit Major; telephone 01446 794642.





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Jamima Bridal

JAMIMA BRIDAL, coming up for its second anniversary, is part of the Llantwit Major fashion scene and is really looking forward to 2010.

New, exciting, different, collector gowns are now in and with our new perfume and natural beauty section, we hope to make it a brighter, more glamorous future for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming couples wanting good service and quality sophisticated attire.

New outfit for mothers are available with hats, shoes and bags to match.

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The Gift Gallery

THE Gift Gallery has now been in Llantwit for 15 years, offering bespoke picture framing and mount cutting, with more than 150 mouldings to choose from. Also available are local prints, paintings, mirrors and photo frames.

Recently, we have teamed up with Samson's Treasure House and now buy gold, silver, antiques, old jewellery, oils and watercolours. Home valuations can be arranged.

During October, we will also be having a clearance sale in order to make some space, with selected items up to half price.

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The Gift Gallery, telephone 01446 795454.

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Nutz - The Gentleman's Barbers

NUTZ is now in its third year and would like to thank all our customers past and present for their continued support.

We are pleased to introduce Anita to our team. Anita has more than 20 years' experience in the industry, so will work well alongside Carl, who has plied his trade in Llantwit for many years.

There is a relaxed atmosphere, with Sky TV, hot drinks available, magazines to read, and even toys for the children.

We are open six days a week, with two late nights. No appointment is necessary.

Nutz, The Gentleman's Barbers, East Street, Llantwit Major; telephone 01446 796883.



Sunkissed says welcome Emma!

SUNKISSED would like to welcome Emma to our team. She previously worked in St David's Spa, Cardiff, and is fully qualified in all aspects of beauty treatments.

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Elaine's Tea Rooms, The Cornerhouse, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major. Telephone 01446 792100.



Quest Hair

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Our Christmas bookings are now being taken. Why not take advantage of our vouchers for Christmas presents?

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Quest Hair, 4 Barons House Close, East Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XY; telephone 01446 793563.

Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy

Hi, my name is Rachel and I run Music with Mummy and Jolly Babies classes in Peterston-super-Ely and Llantwit Major.

I live in Cardiff with my husband and my daughter Talia (aged 15 months). Talia and I have been going to Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy classes since she was six weeks old and have thoroughly enjoyed them.

I was made redundant in May this year (I was an environmental consultant) and decided to re-train and use my other talents - singing!

I have been singing ever since I can remember and 11 years ago, I gained my Grade 8 in Classical Singing. I haven't stopped since!

I thoroughly enjoy running the music groups and I love looking around and seeing lots of smiles, clapping, bouncing and laughing.

I have found that parents find the classes a really uplifting experience and good bonding time with their child, plus the benefits of the classes are huge for all involved and are great fun.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Chris Williams Optometrist

CHRIS WILLIAMS Optometrist hosted a Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' last Friday morning; the event was held in the extended reception and dispensing areas.

Chris Williams commented: "We were delighted to be able to accommodate such a worthwhile event."

The practice now houses an on-site laboratory, which is able to offer same-day service on stock spectacle lenses.

In the new ground-floor consulting room, low visual acuity assessment is offered, which uses magnifiers to help those with reduced vision, as well as Colirometry, which assesses the use of coloured spectacles to help with reading and learning difficulties.

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ROADWORKS REPORT

Church Road, Bridge Street,
Cowbridge Street, Barry - traffic
barriers in place; carriageway width
restrictions (ongoing).

Pontypridd Street, junction with
Mount Pleasant - ongoing footway
restrictions in place.

Lavernock Road, junction with
Brockhill Rise, Sully - temporary
traffic control.

Thompson Street, Dock View Road,
Barry - carriageway width restric-

tions.
Weston Square tunnel, Cardiff
Road, Barry - road closures (ongoing).

B4265 from Pentre Cwrt to
Floodgate roundabout, Llanwit
Major and Llansilys Road from
traffic lights to Railway bridge,
Llanwit Major - resurfacing work.

Ham Lane East, Llanwit Major -
temporary traffic control until
October 2.

LEFT: Barry
Comprehensive's
Les Misérables cast
'on tour' at the
Amelia Trust Farm
Harvest Festival.

AFTER the success of the
Barry
Comprehensive
School's production of
Les Misérables in the
summer term, the
cast were invited to
perform a selection of
songs from the show
at the Amelia Trust
Farm Harvest
Festival.

Sunshine and large
crowds were in evi-
dence as the stars of
the show sang the
melodies that audiences
had enjoyed so much.

The venue might
have been different but
the reception was just
as warm.
AC

Dad (and daughter) handed awards!



MEMBERS of
Barry's oldest theatre
company have re-con-
vened after their sum-
mer break to begin
rehearsals for their
next production, *Rock*
& *Roll Christmas*.

The Leah Galton Cup,
awarded to Barry Arts
Centre's most promising
young actor or actress,
was presented to Elinor
Robinson (above), a long-
standing member of the

company.
Her father, Michael
Robinson, was awarded
the Glan-y-Mor shield,
for his contribution to the
centre 'behind the scenes'
– as the sound and light-
ing officer, for the compa-

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Willis' sci-fi actioner is robotically dull

SCIENCE fiction and drama have always gone hand in hand on the cinema screen.

From the likes of *Metropolis*, through to *Blade Runner* and movies like *I, Robot*, the mixture has made for varied success, producing some good and some bad.

What they all have in common is a message that over-reliance on technology can be a harmful thing, whether it is in the shape of alien life or from our own human hands.

The latest film to labour this point is *Surrogates*, set in an alternative present-day where humans live their day-to-day lives through their very own robotic 'surrogate'.

When instances of humans being murdered at the same time as their surrogates crop up, FBI agent Tom Greer (Bruce Willis) and his partner (Radha Mitchell) are assigned to investigate them; however, when Greer is forced to leave his home and investigate a world he is no longer part of, he finds these murders are just the tip of the iceberg...

Like most of the product that comes off Hollywood's assembly line these days, *Surrogates* is based on a comic book series. It is highly likely that said comic book series is probably a thousand more times intelligent and entertaining than its filmic counterpart.

Surrogates is a painfully dull film that, while making noises about being a block-buster with brains, is

nothing of the sort – instead it is the kind of film that likes to think it says something about society, but only manages to repeat what other films have said without adding anything fresh to the mix.

Anyone who has seen *The Matrix*, *I, Robot* or *Minority Report* will have an idea of what is going to unfold over its stupidly short running time of 88 minutes (nowhere near enough time to successfully convey and justify the number of plot strands and twists).

While the credit sequence cleverly sets up the story, bringing those cold to the comic books up to speed, it is what happens after the credits that lacks any real bite or drama.

Placing Jonathan Mostow in the director's chair isn't something that was ever going to assist the film in any way. The director is a capable action director, but nothing more, and he fails to give the film anything close to a visual identity.

For a film that attempts to meld bang and brains, there is a paucity of the former on show. Mostow's only action sequences of note feel lackadaisical and devoid of any real inspiration.

He isn't helped by a screenplay from Michael Ferris and John D Brancato which appears to use the little known, but seemingly often used (and I should add, non-existent), 'Screenplay writing for dummies' book.

While it takes the basics of the genre, and throws in a little dash of detective noir, these elements don't quite recon-

cile, the screenplay taking far too obvious turns into narrative cul-de-sacs that are far too well worn to lend any conviction to the story.

In fact, it recalls *I, Robot*, both stylistically and in narrative terms (though given its based on source material you can't really blame the writers), and much like that film, *Surrogates* also misfires quite dramatically.

Bruce Willis has always been a more than capable actor, and here he brings another strong turn to the table, essaying a character with a clichéd back story, yet never failing to elicit a response from the audience.

It is a fine turn, and indeed a stand-out turn, that is head and shoulders above the rest of the performances, and the film as a whole.

The other turns are merely storyline ciphers that don't allow much in the way of depth. It is a problem that none of the actors can overcome, whether it's Ving Rhames, Radha Mitchell or Rosamund Pike, who is given a meager role yet not given the chance to actually do anything with it.

The overriding problem with *Surrogates*, ironically enough, is that it is all too glossy and robotic to allow any hint of humanity to develop within it.

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SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

Whether this was a conscious decision by the filmmakers or not, it doesn't work in the end product.

While it tries to make salient points about how excessive use of technology can blunt our humanity, you'll struggle to remember the message once you've left the cinema and are straight onto your mobile phone.

VERDICT – A dull film that thinks it's far more salient than it is, *Surrogates* is a robotic and pointless film that does little to enhance any of those involved.

What could have been something intelligent and watchable, instead struggles for life under a blanket of cliché, predictability and all-round boredom. *One to avoid.*

On October 3, meet at 9.30am at Penarth cliff top car park for a 6-7-mile easy walk to Sully Island; contact John on 029 2070 2565.

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On October 6, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 9.30am for a 5-mile moderate walk at Cwm Nash; contact John on 029 2070 2565.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

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JOY STRANGWARD

EXPRESS YOURSELF AND WIN A PRIZE!

'EXPRESS YOURSELF' is the message from Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones to residents across the Vale of Glamorgan as part of a first ever Welsh libraries competition.

Entrants to the competition, who have a chance to win prizes from £50 to £500, are encouraged to write a poem, create a work of art, or perform a play that would inspire people to visit their library.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the entries and presenting the awards next February. I'm sure the people of Wales, with all their creative talents, will take this opportunity to showcase them," she commented.

"The competition is open to all – simply choose a category – primary schools, secondary schools, individuals, voluntary or community organisations, and students in further or higher education."

"As well as the chance to win cash prizes, finalists will be invited to the awards event to meet actress and writer Ruth and have their work dis-



Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones, who will present the awards.

played nationally. Full details at library.wales.org/artscomp/ Closing date for entries is December 1.

February.

Entrants from all over the UK and abroad recently converged during Dyffryn's open days to enjoy the delights of Dyffryn Gardens, over a weekend of glorious sunshine.

The theme of the

exhibition was inspired

by the Pompeian garden,

built in 1909, and newly

restored.

Several artists, includ-

ing Shirley Anne Owen,

and

Jon Greatrex,

the park manager,

was

on hand and provided

two stilt walkers

who entertained the children through-

out the afternoon.

There was something for everyone –

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All were keen to win the money in

the jars and the children were eager to

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

FOLLOWING HARD FOUGHT-FOR TRAIL THROUGH HISTORY

DURING 1993, when the Penarth and District group was formed, a walk was led by Nina and Derek Smith (Footpath and Countryside officers respectively) to highlight the fact that it was almost impossible to walk for any distance in the Vale.

Entitled *Forbidden Britain*, they demonstrated in the Michaelston and Wrinstone areas that pathways were blocked, obstructed and overgrown, gates were encased in barbed wire and stiles were in need of repair.

In April 1996, Valeways, an independent charity that performs voluntary environmental work, was formed and since then much of the Vale has been transformed with new gates, stiles and bridges being installed and pathways being cleared.

As a result of their hard work together with other volunteers, the Valeways Millennium Trail was created that meanders through years of history and the glorious countryside of the Vale, from St Fagans to Peterston-super-Ely.

Recently, Geraint Thomas, with his sheepdog Patch, recreated that walk to admire some of the changes that had taken place, to point out work that needed doing, but also to highlight a new threat to that part of the countryside as a result of the Wenlock Quarry applying to renew their application to extend the present quarry.

On a positive note, the new quarry would create new jobs but on the negative side, constant explosions, dust, dumper trucks,

drilling, stone-splitting and heavy lorries to move the stone would create havoc and the damage caused to the environment, animal, plant and bird life would be unthinkable.

Passing through a field containing pigs, they emerged onto the road and descended through fields to cross the footbridge and made their way towards the development at Home Farm. Reaching the Michaelston Lane, they moved on to the Salmon Leaps and sat in warm sunshine to enjoy a refreshment break. Following the pathway up through Cwrt yr Ala Woods to Wrinstone Farm, they turned sharply and followed the stony bridleway uphill stopping at a junction of paths ahead.

For those walkers who were unfamiliar with the area, the leader took the time to explain the boundary lines of the proposed new quarry extension which will be 500 metres from the beautiful lakes at the Salmon Leaps, and half a mile from the quiet village of Michaelston-le-Pit.

Following the bridleway back to the Michaelston Lane, the group gazed towards the distant shape of Garth Hill across this wonderful, sleepy, green valley which is totally unspoilt and used by dog-walkers, joggers, horse riders and walkers.

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JOY STRANGWARD

Camera club views prestigious prints



FELLOW of the Royal Photographic Society, John Gray, showed Barry Camera Club members a selection of images created during his long career in photography.



Ranging from early monochrome prints made from traditional film negatives to full colour images created using the latest computer technology, the pictures vividly illustrated why John has garnered so many photographic distinctions over the years.

Many, if not most of the images, had been manipulated in some respect – even those taken before computers and digital cameras made it easy to change images around. John explained how he used things like textured glass and plastic to give an artistic edge to

GEOFF FOWLER

Big prize fund for hunter trials

THE Glamorgan Hunt Hunter Trials are returning for a third year at Alps Park, Wenvoe, on Sunday, October 11 with big prize fund on offer, including £1,040 for the Open class alone, including £500 for the ultimate winner.

More than 255 horses and rider entries were received last year at Alps Park and the event's success cemented the hunt's plans to make the day an annual fixture in south Wales once again.

Terry Edgell, joint organiser of the Glamorgan Hunt Hunter Trials, said: "Everyone who attended last year's Hunter Trials had a fantastic time and we were extremely pleased with the turnout and standard on show."

"In this year's event, we are looking to appeal to the complete spectrum of rider abilities – from nervous novice to serious eventers – from both south Wales counties and neighbouring English ones; anyone and everyone is welcome."

He said: "Last year, it was felt that people would like to see more novice and 'pairs' classes, so we have expanded our offering of these."

"At the other end of the spectrum, we are also looking to attract a crowd to the more high profile classes, and as such, thanks to our sponsors, we now have an overall prize fund of nearly £1,800, with £1,040 designated solely to the open class."

"The Open will take place around mid-afternoon, and will be preceded with a master class demonstration of the course by former international three-day eventer, Nicola Lewis."

For more information on the Glamorgan Hunter Trials, please visit www.glamorganhunt.com (See advert on page 11).

FAMILY FUN GALORE AT VICTORIA PARK

FAIRY fun with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, turned out to be a day of smiles.

Jon Greatrex, the park manager, was on hand and provided two stilt walkers who entertained the children throughout the afternoon.

There was something for everyone –

grandparents, parents and children

were busy guessing the names and

birthdates of the dolls and teddies.

All were keen to win the money in

the jars and the children were eager to

win the tubs of sweets! The bouncy castles and gladiator inflatable were a huge hit with the children, as were the races.

Face-painters were in great demand and two 'explorers' did a great job, creating works of art!

The craft area was very busy; children were able to make masks, windmills and bracelets and the colouring competition was also popular.

The day ended with a prize-giving ceremony conducted by Jon Greatrex.

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The HOMES4U Partnership



Sun shines on Sea View Lads' angling extravaganza

LAST Sunday, was the ninth year that the Sea View Lads Angling Club has held its junior angling competition at Barry Waterfront, once again sponsored by The GEM.

A perfect sunny day made it a fine family occasion, with mums and dads and grandparents out to see their children fishing.

A total of 89 under-16s took part, with an even mix of boys and girls. An entry fee of £1 gave all who entered snacks and drinks, and a prize to go home with – even if they did not catch a fish. Also, a £90 donation was sent to the Lads' charity LATCH.

The bright sunshine meant that fish would be hard to find. However, the species caught were dogfish, wrasse, smelt, goby, poor cod and mullet and eel.

The overall winner was Rebecca Dee who caught a dogfish of 1lb. She won a rod and reel and will take home the annual trophy.

Second place went to Thomas Harris with 14oz of mullet; third place, Anthony Kimman with 6½ oz of goby; fourth place, Leon Hayward with 6oz wrasse; joint fifth were Lea Philips with 5oz eel and Michael Hoare with 5oz gobys; last year's winner, Dan Ladner with 5oz gobys.

All won rods and reels. Organisers have asked Rebecca Dee to contact Alan Paterson on 01446 732989 to make arrangements to get the cup engraved with her name.

The Lads would like to thank all who supported the event with their generous donations, without which all of this would not be possible; also the Services Social Club for hosting the event, and all the club members for making it a lovely family day out.

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ABOVE:
Thomas Harris was second.

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Peacefully, after a long battle with cancer, at Holme Tower Penarth on September 27th, Mike of Gwennol-Y-Mor Barry. Dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Kath, Ian and John, much loved gramps of Luke and Georgia. Mike will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service at All Saints Church, Barry on Tuesday October 6th, at 2.00pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

BRUTEN Stephen

Tragically, on Sept 7, Stephen, dearly loved son of Eileen and Brian of Llantwit Major, loving brother of Mark and Paul, much loved uncle and nephew. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon, Fonmon, Funeral Fri Oct 2, service 1pm at St Illtud Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

William COCKCROFT

SQD.LDR retired.

Passed away Sunday 20th September after a long illness.

He was the beloved husband of Edwina and father of Susan, Stephen, Simon and Margaret. Much missed by all. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium Friday 2 October, 2.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to R.A.F.A. c/o W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major (cheques only please).

VIGAR Mary

John and his family would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who attended Mary's funeral. The very large congregation was a testament to a wonderful and much loved lady, who will, sadly, be sorely missed by family and friends alike. All the cards and letters of sympathy and fond memories have also been very much appreciated. Our sincere thanks go to Dr Sarah Coleman and the District Nurses from Cowbridge who have given Mary so much loving care and attention throughout her long illness. Thanks also to Southerndown Golf Club and Penybont Funeral Services for their professionalism.

Anatole (Tony) Yudin-Craven

Devoted husband of Mary Yudin (FitzHerbert) formerly of Cowbridge, presently St. Athan, peacefully passed away on 24th September last. He will be sadly missed by his children and grandchildren.

Funeral service at St Cadoc's R.C. Church, Town Mill Road, Cowbridge, on Friday 9th October at 12:00 followed by a private cremation. Friends and relatives invited for light refreshments after the service in the Church Room.

No flowers - donations to be shared between the Missionaries for Africa (Padres Blancos) in Madrid, Spain and Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club. All donations c/o W. James & Sons, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

HANCOCK William

Tony Hancock and family wish to express their appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their thoughts and kind words on the recent sad loss of William. A special thanks to Bridgend General Hospital and all the staff on Ward 2.

Also a thank you to Father Peter Lenard of Llysnewydd Church for giving the service such a personal touch.

Finally a special thank you to John James Funeral Directors at Fonmon for their professionalism and assistance.

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LATEST NEWS FROM BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB

Golf match ends in a draw again!

ONE of the most popular events on the Brynhill golfing calendar is the match played between the ladies and seniors.

Sixteen of the seniors, led by their vice-captain Glyn Shepherd and including club captain Colin Lloyd, took on 16 ladies, led by lady captain Jo Hopkins.

The final result is never in doubt – the match always ends in an honourable draw!

Nevertheless, the games can become quite competitive despite the banter and laughter!

Recent results round-up

July 28 – Four-ball better-ball: Winners – Lynne Bubbins and Carole Allen (46 points) runners-up – Gemma Evans and Helen Cook (42 points).

August 18 Millennium Plate: Winner – Chris Hopkins (36 points over back nine) from Maria Gentile (over bank nine) from Lynne Bubbins.

Grans Trophy – Winner – Chris Hopkins (36 points) over back nine from Maria Gentile.

August 25 – Daily Mail Foursomes: Winner – Sheila Williams and Judy Davies (80½ nett), over back six from Rose Pitman and Audrey Phillips.

September 11 – Gloucester Bowl: Winner – Sue Holland (70 nett); runner-up – Rose Pitman (73 nett).

Vets Silver Salver – Winner – Rose Pitman (73 nett); runner-up – Audrey Phillips (75 nett).

Bob Hope Rose Bowl – Silver winner – Rose Pitman (73 nett); runner-up – Audrey Phillips (75 nett). Bronze winner – Sue Holland (70 nett); Mo Merritt (76 nett).

September 15 – Waterford Crystal Vase: Silver winner – Audrey Phillips (36 points); runner-up – Rose Pitman (34 points). Bronze winner – Diane Davies (37 points) over the back nine from Jenny Pateman.



ABOVE:
The ladies team was led by captain Jo Hopkins (centre).

RIGHT:
The seniors team for the match against the ladies.



Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do school fare well at world tournament

OVER a recent weekend, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do combined forces with kick boxing and Kung Fu schools to form a combined Welsh squad to represent Wales at the World Games held in Ocean City, Maryland, USA.

WOMAA World Martial Games X was smaller than expected, but the quality of competition was excellent.

The recession has hit everyone very hard, and this included the WOMAA World Martial Games X, as many countries could not attend due to loss of jobs, finances, recession etc, not to mention that the US State Department did not allow visas to many countries at the last moment.

The countries that did attend had a wonderful time and represented their countries with pride and good sportmanship.

With a little less than 300 total competitors, the games ran smoothly over the three days and brought forth many new WOMAA world champions.

The finals on Sunday night were something to see – everyone who attended the finals had a great time and witnessed some great competition from some world class competitors.

The event opened on the Friday night with all the continuous sparring sections.

Thomas Haysham got the club off to a good start, taking third, and only losing by two points to the eventual champion from Canada.

Morganne Gomez Jones was next on the mat. She fought up a category (14-17 girls), making her way through to the final where she outclassed her USA opponent to come away with first place.

Jamie Halford was the last of the club's competitors to compete – he had a hard fight to reach the final where he met the Italian champion. Jamie easily overpowered him, winning by a majority decision and taking first place.

Saturday was the day for all traditional creative and musical forms.



ABOVE:
Pictured with their instructor Master Ron Thomas are: Jamie Halford, Thomas Haysham and Morganne Gomez Jones.

Once again, young Thomas Haysham gave the club a fine start by taking second in the traditional Korean patterns, followed by Jamie Halford also taking second in his category. Jamie then went on to take third in the weapons section.

Sunday was a good day for the Cadoxton School, with two firsts and one third place.

Thomas Haysham fought a very good American fighter in the final, this time taking the bout by two points.

Morganne Gomez Jones had to work hard to out-point her bigger Canadian opponent, eventually taking the bout in extra time by one point.

Jamie Halford was again last up, where he was unlucky to meet the eventual American winner, only losing out by two points and coming away with third place.

The school would like to thank all its supporters and parents for their help and support in getting these students to the World Games.

For further information and training times, telephone 01446 406372 or 07811 934079.

Netball club needs new junior members

BARRY Netball Club has been established for more than 30 years, and is looking for new junior members.

The club is currently looking for children aged 8-15, and trains every Monday term time at the Colcot Sports Centre (new hall), 8-11 age group 5pm-6.15pm and juniors (11-15) 6.20pm-7.40pm. New adult members are also welcome.

For more information, contact Linda Rees on 01446 749965.

RUGBY: Sea View and Star

LAST week's rugby report on the game between the Sea View and Star second teams, unfortunately, had the match score transposed, giving Sea View the win.

The GEM is happy to confirm that the match score was, in fact, 40-16 in favour of Star Seconds.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

A little 'tweaking' will go a long way

STEVE is usually one of the first to arrive to set up the projection system ready for the talk and generally be useful.

At the last meeting of the Penarth Computer Club, he was scheduled to give the talk on how to be in control of your computer. With minutes to go before the start, he arrived in haste having been delayed. Everything was ready.

He connected his laptop to the projector – and it wouldn't talk to the projector.

Why are inanimate objects so often like that? It is as if they know exactly when being awkward would have the most effect.

In a few minutes, Steve had wrestled his laptop into submission, thus proving that he, at least, was in control of his computer. He then proceeded to show everybody how to be in control of theirs.

He showed how to customise the view of the desktop (the view you enjoy when starting a working session).

The first button to click on is the start button. Even at this first stage there are options for what appears next. If you do not like the menu that pops up on start, you can revert to an earlier classic view that might be more familiar and perhaps more to your taste. Go: start > control panel; double click on Taskbar and Start Menu Properties.

Click on the Start Menu tab and you can have the choice between the normal start menu and the classic one.

Whichever one you prefer, if you click on the Customize button you will find options available.

There are too many options to explain in detail, but you can experiment with them when you are in the mood. The other tab on the dialogue box concerns the Taskbar at the bottom of the screen. There are interesting options for that, too!

When you right-click in any space on the desktop a dialogue box appears. The Themes tab will help you select from a variety of colour schemes for your windows.

The Desktop tab will let you choose the background picture (or a plain colour). The Screensaver tab has more than a dozen options – including a slide show of your own pictures if you wish.

The Appearance tab allows tweaking of all sorts of properties within the Windows Classic view.

The last tab, Settings, allows changes to be made to the resolution. The range of options will depend on the capability of your monitor.

You can adjust the settings to give the most satisfactory results. A lower resolution will result in displayed items being bigger, but consequently with room to show fewer items. Conversely a high resolution can show more items at a smaller scale.

Customisation doesn't stop there. Far more options exist. Start > Help > Customising your computer will open up a world of possibilities.

The keyboard and mouse offer a wealth of tweaks to suit your preference.

The mouse is a much-used tool to communicate with the computer and you can control the speed that it travels and what it looks like at start > control panel; double-click on Mouse.

You can switch the buttons left-to-right. You can select from 20 mouse schemes to find one that suits under the Pointers tab – even so far as to select individual icons to create your own scheme that you can save.

If you wish, you can arrange to have the pointer move automatically to a default button in a dialogue box to save yourself the trouble of moving it. This is useful for people who find difficulty in controlling mouse movements.

Who needs computer games when there is so much fun to be had playing with customisation? There's something for everyone and you are encouraged to play.

You can, perhaps, turn your computing experience from a chore to pleasure. Happy tweaking.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13, 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Howard will re-visit golden rules and the things you wish someone had told you when you started computing and introduce some new ones. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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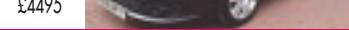
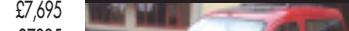
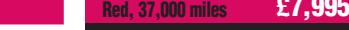
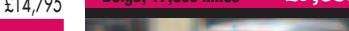
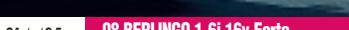
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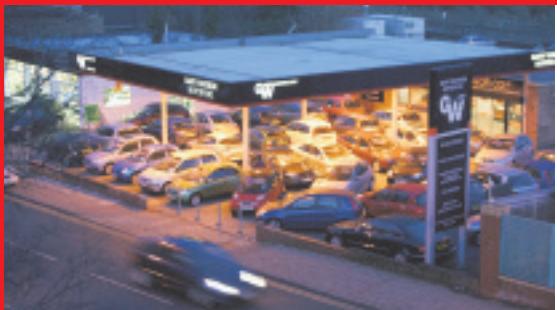
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 06 06 FOCUS 1.6 Sport Estate Auto. Alloys, a/c, cd £6495
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 06 55 FOCUS 2.0 Ghia 5-dr Auto. Alloys, cd, cruise £6995
 04 04 FOCUS 1.6 Zetec Auto 5-dr. Alloys, cd, a/c £4295
 02 52 PEUGEOT 307 1.6 SW Auto Estate. Alloys, cd, a/c £3495

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04 **54 ROVER 25 1.4 Impression S 5-dr Hatchback** in british racing green, with dark interior, alloys, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, body coloured bumpers, only 44,162 miles £2,995

04 **04 FORD Mondeo 1.8 Mistral 5-dr.** In Tonic Blue with majestic ebony upholstery, air con, central locking, CD, alloy wheels, only 61,165 miles £3,995

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08 **58 TOYOTA Yaris 1.0 VVT-i T2 5-dr Hatchback.** In crystal silver, electric windows and mirrors, CD, multi-function steering wheel, only 10,722 miles £8,995

07 **07 NISSAN Micra C+C 1.6i 16v Active Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In Black with grey leather interior, climate control, alarm, CD, immobiliser, heated seats, only 10,600 miles £9,995

07 **07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3-dr Hatchback.** In metallic black with dark interior, alloy wheels, CD, body coloured bumpers, front electric windows, only 19,005 miles £6,495

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06 **06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Extreme 3-dr Hatchback** in nautical blue with alloys, air conditioning, body coloured bumpers, only one owner, stalk mounted audio controls, only 18,091 miles £6,495

06 **06 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 3-dr Hatchback.** In onyx black with madison grey interior, air con, alloy wheels, CD, low insurance, only 14,545 miles £5,995

06 **56 FORD Fiesta 1.2 Zetec Climate 5-dr Hatchback.** In Tonic blue with Kompass black interior, air con, alloy wheel, body coloured bumpers, only 39,350 miles £6,495

06 **06 PEUGEOT 107 1.0 12v Urban 3-dr Hatchback.** In raven black with black matrix interior, electric windows, CD colour coded bumpers, only 16,465 miles, £35 a year tax £5,995

05 **05 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 16v Sport 3-Dr Hatchback** in aluminium silver with dark interior, cd, alloy wheels, air con, immobiliser, only 30,170 miles £5,995

05 **05 RENAULT Megane 1.5 DCi 80 Dynamique 3-Dr Hatchback.** In metallic silver with anthracite interior, CD, air con, front fog, £35 a year road tax, only 60,945 miles £5,495

04 **04 MINI 1.6 Cooper Pepper 3-dr Hatchback.** In chilli red with half leather interior, rear spoiler, alloy wheels, air con, only 50,170 miles £7,495

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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Tristan Hobbs – **The Knap Hotel, 2-4 The Parade, Barry** – change of use application for the Knap Hotel, Barry from hotel (C1) to residential (C3) use including demolition of 'link' elements, creating four dwelling houses with associated garden areas and parking.

Mr M McGuire – **rear of Castle Wood and 8 and 9 Lettow Way, Dinas Powys** – reduce height of two trees by nine to 10 metres.

Mr Colin Anstee – **Beech House (aka The Far Post), Well Lane, St Nicholas** – fell Norway Spruce; cherry, four Leylandii trees and trees comprising Leylandii hedge.

Mr Ray Coombes – **30 Enfield Drive, Hunters Ridge, Barry** – porch to front of property.

Mrs B Morgan – **Belgrave House, Llanblethian** – fell one ash, one apple tree and one small conifer. Mr W Muir – **4 Elmgrove Lane, Dinas Powys** – fell one silver birch and reduce height of remaining two. Mr Michael Fox – **12 Beidr Iorwg, Pencoedr Village, Barry** – first floor extension above existing single storey side extension.

Bocam Park Limited – **land at Bocam Park, Pencoed** – 4/5 star grade hotel and conference centre with associated lake, including access details and all other matters reserved.

Mr Gareth Lewis – **18 Park Crescent, Barry** – to install 3mm aluminium composite panels over shop front to three sides to face mounted in 32mm aluminium frame powder coated.

Mr and Mrs James and Chloe Ford – **Tyn-y-Caeau Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow** – construction of a 12,000 bird free range egg production unit. Mr David Lock – **26 Cedar Way, Penarth** – single storey rear extension to provide disabled showering and WC facilities.

Mr Robert Williams – **Keepers Cottage, Llandough** – extensions to dwelling, new detached garage with

room at first floor, new boundary wall with layby parking formed, with associated works.

Mr Mark Henke – **Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St Athan** – (a) replacement of dining room glazed roof and timber screen (b) replacement of render panels below windows with rebated stonework (c) external repointing of stone (d) replacement and reconstruction of external stone steps.

Mr Abdul Rouf – **51 Pill Street, Cogan, Penarth** – change of use from hairdresser to hot food takeaway, to include the retention of the extractor fan in situ.

Mr Graham Breen – **10 Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose** – special needs adaptations, single storey extension to provide bedroom/ensuite and lobby.

Mr Mark Gale – **41 Gwenfro Drive, Wenvoe** – proposed two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of property, and detached double garage extension.

Mr William Henry – **19 Conybear Road, Sully** – high hedge.

Azure Property LLP – **Somerfield, Weycock Cross (Texaco), Port Road, Barry** – rebranding of existing Texaco illuminated image on the forecourt canopy, forecourt stanchions and primary identifier display (PID or pole sign).

Mr Christopher Howarth – **20 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth** – erection of first floor extension and front and rear ground floor extensions and provision of swimming pool and pool enclosure.

Mr and Mrs Neil and Katy Tompkins – **1 Ferry Lane, Penarth** – demolition of car port and shed to rear of property and construction of garden room.

Mr Brian Meek – **Treseson House Yard, Treseson House, St Mary Hill** – proposed detached dwelling to replace existing warehouse.

Mr N Bibby – **239 Holton Road, Catterton** – site adjacent to

Barry – change of use of existing ground floor shop/office to hot food takeaway together with internal alterations.

Mr Paul Woodham – **113 Brean Close, Sully** – bedroom extension and conservatory.

Mr Philip Freemantle – **15 Glebe Street, Penarth** – lawful development certificate for existing use of two flats above shop and one flat to rear of shop.

Mrs Shirley Taylor – **11 Bellevue Terrace, Penarth** – single storey extension to side.

Mrs A Lake – **21 Brean Close, Sully** – erection of single storey porch extension, alterations to from elevation and to ground floor layout of existing dwelling.

Mr Ian Dewhurst – **1119 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys** – side and rear extension.

Ms Carol Roderick – **Stepaside, River Walk, Cowbridge** – remove conifer in rear garden.

Mr M J Bowman – **Claremont, 23 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – fell pear tree.

Vanessa Jones – **1 Pant y Coed, Llanberthy** – crown lift and light thinking of walnut in front garden.

Springfield Spray, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge – removal of two heavy fuel oil steam cushion boilers and associated chimneys.

Replacement with a single heavy fuel oil water boiler with a single chimney. Recladding and updating existing building structure to ensure continued use.

Mr M Camilleri – **10 Marine Parade, Penarth** – remove beech tree.

Mr Hailey – **16 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys** – crown reduction to oak by 25 per cent.

Mr G Jones – **21 Windyridge, Dinas Powys** – (a) fell oak (b) crown lift/dead wood.

Carter Lauren LLP – site adjacent to

Bevan House, Penarth Road, Cardiff – redevelopment of redundant light industrial site with demolition of office and storage buildings and replacement with three new two-storey B1 office buildings.

Mr and Mrs Billingham – **5 church Rise, Wenvoe** – front extension and alterations to front wall and access to garage.

DEER, Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Barry Comprehensive School, Port Road West, Barry** – retrospective application for installation of cycle shelter for storage of 50 bicycles within school grounds.

Messrs VJ Thomas & Son – **Pancross Farmyard, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan** – renewal/retention of temporary consent to retain residential caravan at Pancross Farm for purposes of housing essential dairy farm workers. Consent was previously granted under 2006/01035/FUL. Consent requested until December 31, 2011.

Mr Gary Bennett – **33 Bramble Avenue, Barry** – proposed two storey extension and single storey extension (mono pitch) to side elevation.

Mr John Ashcroft – **1 Seys Close, Cowbridge** – extra room in roof space including dormer.

Mr Andrew Alsop – **23 Fonmon Road, Rhoose** – dormer window, conservatory, replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof.

Mr Nial Sloane – **Orchard Cottage, Heol y Cwyl, Llysnewydd, Cowbridge** – installation of an additional window to side elevation of existing dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Lock – **land adjoining the Old Rectory, Leckwith Road, Llandough** – conversion of existing coach house into a new dwelling, including the construction of a timber-framed single storey lean-to extension, a branch driveway off the existing drive, parking and garden areas.

Police warning after wave of bicycle thefts

RIGHT: PCSO Gareth Hillier with some of the bicycles recovered by Penarth police in recent



VALE Police are issuing recovered it."

Penarth community warning, following a PCSO explained: "The rise in the number of bicycle thefts across the county.

During the summer The GEM reported on the rise in the number of bicycle thefts has come at a time when the weather has improved and more people are out riding.

"We would appeal to the public to keep their bike safe by using a lock which is up to the required standard, even if they are only leaving a bike unattended for a short while.

PCSO Hillier has arranged a number of special bicycle surgeries in the Penarth area in early October.

"Owners should secure their bikes and take responsibility for them and not leave them unlocked and insecure.

"We have recovered a dozen bicycles from hedgerows and bushes in the Penarth area, particularly in the Marina area. Some of these may have been stolen from the Cardiff area.

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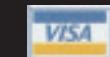
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Panthers and the Imps in a real thriller

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| CADOXTON IMPS | 3 |
| PORTHKERRY | |
| PANTHERS | 4 |

BOTH under-12 sides came into this game with unbeaten records and the game certainly lived up to its top of the table billing.

The Imps started brighter and were quicker to every ball, with good use of both quality wingers in Cameron and Tomas Edwards.

The Imps deservedly took the lead when goalkeeper Ben Dwyer misjudged the bounce of the ball on a hard pitch to put them one up.

They continued to press down the wings, although the Panthers full-backs of Lloyd James and Thomas Jones managed to contain the early pressure. It took two moments of skill from Kyle Henderson to lift the Panthers, firstly, by using his pace down the wing to steal the ball and to lob the keeper from an acute angle to draw the side level.

Then after Harry Lambert had won a free kick, he smashed home a 25-yard scorcher to put the Panthers 2-1 up. The Imps came back fighting and soon drew level after a scramble in the Panthers area from a corner went in off the post.

Ben Dwyer had to make a fine stop from Cameron and the Imps' keeper went one better with a fine stop from Joe Davies.

The Panthers pushed forward again and a neat one-two from Harry Lambert put Callum Parker through, and he coolly slotted home against his former side to ensure a 3-2 scoreline at half-time.

The pace of the game never wavered and the Imps equalised almost straight from the kick-off with Cameron shooting from out wide to surprise the keeper.

Although Imps had the slope, it was a very even affair and the next goal would be crucial. Both James Jones and James Scott got a head on every long ball, with Kieran Allen putting in a man-of-the-match performance for his work rate.

An interception and breakaway saw Callum Parker combine with Harry Lambert to put Tom Lucas through to strike the ball with pace into the top of the net to give Panthers the lead. The fresh legs from the impressive Josh Gibson and Carter Brown, together with a great defensive rear guard, ensured the Panthers gained this vital win.

Both sides were commended by the excellent referee Chris Bowsher for the spirit and style shown throughout this very entertaining game.

Sully Sports are on the up

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| SULLY SPORTS RFC | 31 |
| TONGWYNLAIS | 7 |

THE Sully squad continues to improve as new players join and old-timers come back, and as a consequence results are improving.

Following the opening day loss, and a draw in their second game, a rewarding and convincing win was earned in their third fixture.

Debutant Dai Knowles played well at hooker, as did Lance Godfrey and Ian Moore in their first outings of the season. All told, the side has started to gel, and found a good pattern both in defence and attack.

The Sports led 19-7 at half-time with tries from Scott Mills, Mike Mees and pick-of-the-pack Mike Noakes, two converted by Mike Saunders, with a converted try by Tongwynlais the only response.

The second period was harder fought and only an unconverted try by John Bateman was added, until man-of-the-match Dave Stillman's 50-metre run set up a last-minute try, and conversion, for Mike Saunders.

The club wish to record their thanks to Mike Underdown of Complete Mortgage Services for his continued sponsorship, having sponsored the club's shorts for the season.

Heavy away defeat for team as...

DINAS SUFFER SIX-GOAL SPANKING AT CALDICOT

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| Welsh League Division One | |
| CALDICOT TOWN | 6 |
| DINAS POWYS | 0 |

FOR the second game in a row, Dinas were involved in a six-goal game, only this time they were on the wrong end of all six goals!

All the good work from Dinas at Ton Pentre seemed to have been left behind as they gave their opponents too much time and respect and allowed them to race into a two goal lead in the first seventeen minutes.

The first came from top scorer Gareth Cullimore with a low shot from 20 yards, and with the home side looking dangerous, it came as no real surprise when they doubled their lead. Good work on the left gave Peter Little the chance to cross and Richard Sharratt powered in a header from 12 yards.

When Dinas did put together a few passes, they were able to put Ashton Turner through the home defence, but his shot was too high.

Caldicot were not to be denied and scored their third just before half-time. Cullimore headed on a free kick and Jason Thorn finished with a header at the far post.

Dinas brought on Jaymes Dixon and Andy Lane for the second half and the move almost paid off when Dixon cut through the home defence, but his shot was deflected for a corner. This was to prove the nearest they were to come to scoring in the whole match.

The home side continued to dominate and when a Caldicot attack ended with the Dinas keeper tripping a Caerleon player in the penalty area, David Lloyd scored from the spot.

Two minutes later, great turn by Cullimore in the area made the opportunity for a cross and Jason Thorn scored the fifth from close range. Five minutes into injury time, substitute Jacob Guy headed home to complete the rout.

While Dinas dejectedly made their way home, on this form Caldicot must be looking forward to challenging Goytre and Aberaman at the top of the league.

Squad: 1, Peter Blaine, 2, Rhodri Foote, 3, Simon Stephens, 4, Lloyd Davies, 5, Owain Adams, 6, Jacob Rudman, 7, Ricki Morgan, 8, Ashton Turner, 9, Joe Hinds, 10, Calvin McClaggon, 11, Paul Carro, 12, Josh Reffell, 14, Jaymes Dixon, 15, Mark Dunford, 16, Andy Lane.

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| TON PENTRE | 3 |
| DINAS POWYS | 0 |

THREE days before the Caldicot match, Dinas drew against Ton Pentre.

This was a battling performance especially as

Good win for Barry Town over old rivals Afan Lido

BARRY Town played Afan Lido at Jenner Park on Friday evening.

Barry manager Gavin Chesterfield made only one change, bringing in the newly-signed Sam Harterey into the side and he played well, with the back four remaining the same, and full-backs Jason Davies and Nickie Jones also on form.

Man-of-the-match Lewis Cosslett commanded his area, making several important tackles. Dan Clair was also once again impressive and the dangerous Lido forwards were given few opportunities.

However, they had a glorious chance midway through the first half, when striker Scott McAubrey somehow blazed the ball over when it looked impossible not to score.

Lido are a good side and always

looked threatening with pacy forwards, but the Dragons defence kept them at bay which must have pleased the onlooking coaching staff.

The returning Rob Blatchford, to the delight of the faithful, continually troubled the Lido defence and hit the bar with a rasping drive, but the game remained scoreless at half-time.

The second half began in much the same vein but the Dragons gradually began to get the edge with some lovely passing moves, and Blatchford showed once again what a threat he is, his pace always a problem for defences.

Barry deservedly went ahead from a corner in the 64th minute. Striker Sam Small bundled the ball over the line past Lido 'keeper Mike Lewis after a melee in the goalmouth. It was his first goal in his second game since returning

from Clevedon Town.

It was a hugely improved performance by the Dragons and fully appreciated by the faithful. The second and vital goal was scored by Blatchford, latching on to the ball to the right of the Lido net, beating two defenders and stroking the ball past the 'keeper.

The closing moments came with Lido pressing hard, and they almost scored when a well-hit shot from one of their strikers, brought a fine save from the Barry 'keeper, diving to his left and tipping it round the post.

Final score 2-0.

Next match for the Dragons at home, Saturday, October 10 against West End (Swansea), kick-off 2.30pm.

BTSC Lottery Nos : 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 18. No winners.

Isaac's burst gives Barry under-15s fine victory

A STORMING performance by Barry under-15s side saw them conquer one of the best teams in the district, Pentyrch.

This time last year they were totally outgunned by the same team – what a difference a year makes!

The Barry side were simply irresistible throughout both halves. Despite conceding a try against the run of play at the start of the game, the Barry boys were brought back into contention with a trademark charge from No 8 Curtis Miller, who barged his way over the line for his side's first try, leaving 'Tyrch' upended all over the place. The try was coolly converted by fly-half Jordan Flynn.

The pack continued to take the game to the 'Tyrch', typified by captain Campbell Prosser and his front row colleagues Nathan Harris and Daniel O'Donnell whose scrummaging was exemplary throughout the game.

A couple of missed tackles against the run of play saw Barry go behind once again. However, despite this setback, the irrepressible scrum-half Kyle Baros, who constantly made a nuisance of himself around the fringes throughout the game, was rewarded with a try by stealing the ball from the opposition scrum-half on the tryline. Once again, Jordan Flynn slotted over the conversion.

Half time: Barry 14 Pentyrch 15.

The second half saw the winger Jordan Protheroe go over for a try which Flynn was unable to convert. The try displayed the excellent work, once again, of the forwards and in particular second rows Alex Rankmore, Tom Warren and flanker Joe Green – all of whom had busied themselves in the loose throughout the game.

Despite their tremendous efforts, the Barry side found themselves behind to a couple of tries which saw the score 19-25.

As always, Jake Goodfellow popped up when he was most needed from a ruck of players with the ball to charge over the line to score, which was once again converted by Flynn.

The lead did not last long as the opposition bounced back to sneak the lead.

This only instigated a fabulous free flowing move from the Barry backs which resulted in a score of undeniable excellence by winger Isaac Mayne. It secured Barry the win.

Barry squad: Nathan Harris, Campbell Prosser, Daniel O'Donnell, Tom Warren, Alex Rankmore, Joe Green, Jake Goodfellow, Curtis Miller, Kyle Baros, Jordan Flynn, Daniel Maciston, Sam Roberts, Connor Protheroe, Isaac Mayne, Alex Wiltshire, Connor Selby, Blake Wall, Troy Rudd and Scott Nelson.

RUTH MAYNE

Barizan is bound for Cheltenham

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

BARIZAN, owned by Peter Conway, and trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed the Blue Square Novice Hurdle at Market Rasen last Saturday and, all going well, will run at the Cheltenham Festival next March.

Ridden by the legendary champion jockey Tony McCoy, Barizan made all the running to win unchallenged by 13 lengths from *Classic Contours*.

Earlier in the week at Worcester, Evan Williams' *Wishes*, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, beat the Tim Vaughan-trained *Penyfan Dawn*.

Vaughan's *War Of The World*, partnered by Tony McCoy, came with a late run to finish second to *Valley Ride* in the principal chase at Market Rasen – the Blue Square Handicap Chase.

Valley Ride, who is trained in Pembrokeshire by Peter Bowen, will be trained with the Grand National in mind.



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